

# SENATE BILL 215

R4, R5

(8lr2442)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Environment and Transportation —

Introduced by **Senator Eckardt**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Town of Vienna**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements  
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the Town of Vienna; providing that a  
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the Town of Vienna may operate the  
6 golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped  
7 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a  
8 highway in the Town of Vienna to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible  
9 and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the ~~State Highway Administration,~~  
10 ~~in consultation with the appropriate local authority, to develop locations where a~~  
11 ~~person operating a golf cart may cross certain highways~~ town government to  
12 designate the highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in the Town of  
13 Vienna; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to an exception  
14 to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the Town of Vienna.

#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
2 Article – Transportation  
3 Section 13–402(a)(1)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 13–402(c) and ~~21–104.2~~ 21–104.3(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 21–104.4  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 13–402.

20 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the  
21 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on  
22 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

23 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

24 (1) A vehicle that is driven on a highway:

25 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to  
26 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile  
27 equipment, or nonresidents; or

28 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the  
29 Administration;

30 (2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized  
31 officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

32 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

33 (4) A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the highway;

1 (5) A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar and  
 2 for which no driver is necessary;

3 (6) A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for purpose  
 4 of sale;

5 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days  
 6 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the  
 7 resident's former domicile;

8 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13-626  
 9 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the  
 10 Administration;

11 (9) A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce exclusively  
 12 within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;

13 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed  
 14 by § 25-102(a)(14) of this article;

15 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that  
 16 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is  
 17 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

18 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway ~~in the City of Crisfield,~~  
 19 ~~Somerset County, OR THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY,~~ in accordance  
 20 with ~~§ 21-104.2~~ **§§ 21-104.2 THROUGH 21-104.4** of this article;

21 (13) ~~A golf cart that is operated on a county highway in the community of~~  
 22 ~~Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, in accordance with § 21-104.3 of this~~  
 23 ~~article;~~

24 ~~(14)~~ (14) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed  
 25 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; or

26 ~~(15)~~ (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a  
 27 foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays  
 28 a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government.

29 ~~21-104.2.~~

30 (a) ~~THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN:~~

31 ~~(1) THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY; AND~~

32 ~~(2) THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY.~~

1 ~~(B) A person who operates a golf cart on a highway [in the City of Crisfield,~~  
 2 ~~Somerset County,] without registration as authorized under § 13-402(c)(12) of this article:~~

3 ~~(1) May operate the golf cart only:~~

4 ~~(i) On a highway:~~

5 ~~1. That is not designated or maintained as a part or an~~  
 6 ~~extension of the State or federal highway system; and~~

7 ~~2. On which the maximum posted speed limit does not exceed~~  
 8 ~~35 miles per hour;~~

9 ~~(ii) Between dawn and dusk; and~~

10 ~~(iii) If the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by~~  
 11 ~~the Administration;~~

12 ~~(2) Shall keep the golf cart as far to the right of the roadway as feasible;~~  
 13 ~~and~~

14 ~~(3) Shall possess a valid driver's license.~~

15 ~~[(b)] (C) The State Highway Administration, in consultation with [the City of~~  
 16 ~~Crisfield] THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY, may designate [a location]~~  
 17 ~~LOCATIONS in the City of Crisfield OR THE TOWN OF VIENNA where a person operating~~  
 18 ~~a golf cart may cross, at a right angle, a highway that is designated or maintained as a part~~  
 19 ~~or an extension of the State or federal highway system.~~

20 21-104.3.

21 (a) A person who operates a golf cart on a county highway in the community of  
 22 Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, without registration as authorized under  
 23 [\$ 13-402(c)(13)] § 13-402(C)(12) of this article:

24 (1) May operate the golf cart only:

25 (i) On a county highway on which the maximum posted speed limit  
 26 does not exceed 35 miles per hour;

27 (ii) Between dawn and dusk; and

28 (iii) If the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the  
 29 Administration;

1           (2)    Shall keep the golf cart as far to the right of the roadway as feasible; and

2           (3)    Shall possess a valid driver's license.

3    21-104.4.

4           (A)    SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO  
5    OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A COUNTY HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF VIENNA,  
6    DORCHESTER COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER §  
7    13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

8                   (1)    MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

9                            (I)    ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED  
10    LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;

11                           (II)   BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

12                           (III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES AS  
13    REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

14                   (2)    SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE  
15    ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

16                   (3)    SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

17           (B)    THE TOWN GOVERNMENT MAY DESIGNATE THE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE  
18    MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A  
19    GOLF CART.

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21    ~~October~~ June 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.