A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and Taylors Island

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island to keep as far to the right as feasible and possess a valid driver’s license; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

13–402.

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

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

(12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21–104.2 
through [21–104.4] 21–104.5 of this article;

21–104.5.

(A) Subject to subsection (B) of this section, a person who 
operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle 
Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island, Dorchester County, without 
registration as authorized under § 13–402(c)(12) of this article:

(1) May operate the golf cart only:

(I) On a highway on which the maximum posted speed 
limit does not exceed 30 miles per hour;

(II) Between dawn and dusk; and

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

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

(3) Shall possess a valid driver’s license.

(B) The County Council of Dorchester County may designate by 
resolution the highways on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers
ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.