HOUSE BILL 193

By: Dorchester County Delegation and Delegates Sample–Hughes and Mautz
Requested: October 27, 2021
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
House action: Adopted
Read second time: March 13, 2022

CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Electric Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and Taylors Island

FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for electric golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, and Taylors Island, subject to certain requirements and conditions; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to designate county highways on which a person may operate an electric golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; and generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for electric golf carts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

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.
Article – Transportation

Section 21–104.6

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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] § 21–104.2, § 21–104.3, § 21–104.4, OR § 21–104.6 of this article;

21–104.6.

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

(1) May operate the electric golf cart only:

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

(II) Between dawn and dusk; and

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

(2) Shall keep the electric 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 county highways on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle**
**Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island on which a person may operate an**
**electric golf cart.**

**Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect**
**October 1, 2022.**

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.