

SENATE BILL 80

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CF HB 193

By: **Senator Eckardt**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and**
3 **Taylors Island**

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–402(a)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 13–402(c)(12)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 21–104.6
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Transportation**

3 13–402.

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

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

8 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with [§§
9 21–104.2 through 21–104.4] **§ 21–104.2, § 21–104.3, § 21–104.4, OR § 21–104.6** of this
10 article;

11 **21–104.6.**

12 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO**
13 **OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A COUNTY HIGHWAY ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND,**
14 **MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS**
15 **AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13–402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

16 **(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:**

17 **(I) ON A COUNTY HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED**
18 **SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;**

19 **(II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND**

20 **(III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES**
21 **AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;**

22 **(2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE**
23 **ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND**

24 **(3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE.**

25 **(B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY**
26 **RESOLUTION THE COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE**
27 **HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF**
28 **CART.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2022.