

SENATE BILL 703

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By: ~~Senators Hough and Young~~ Frederick County Senators

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 2, 2022

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for
4 golf carts operating on certain county roads in Frederick County, subject to certain
5 requirements and conditions; authorizing Frederick County to designate county
6 highways on which a person may operate a golf cart and to establish further safety
7 requirements and conditions for the operation of golf carts on county highways; and
8 generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf
9 carts in Frederick County.

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

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

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 21–104.6

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.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Transportation**

6 13–402.

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

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

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

14 **21–104.6.**

15 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO
16 OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A DESIGNATED COUNTY HIGHWAY IN FREDERICK
17 COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13–402(C)(12) OF THIS
18 ARTICLE:

19 (1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

20 (I) ON A COUNTY HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED
21 SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;

22 (II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

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

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

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

28 (B) FREDERICK COUNTY MAY, BY LOCAL LAW:

1 **(1) DESIGNATE COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A PERSON MAY**
2 **OPERATE A GOLF CART; AND**

3 **(2) ESTABLISH FURTHER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**
4 **FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.