

HB0219/513726/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 219
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate M. Morgan**” and substitute “**St. Mary’s County Delegation**”; in line 2, strike “**Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for**”; in the same line, after “**Carts**” insert “**on Public Highways – Report**”; strike beginning with “creating” in line 3 down through “County” in line 7 and substitute “**requiring the St. Mary’s County Board of County Commissioners to produce a report recommending and describing the areas of St. Mary’s County that the County Board considers appropriate for the operation of unregistered golf carts on public highways, subject to certain standards; requiring the County Board to submit the report to certain entities of the General Assembly by a certain date**”; in line 8, strike “an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for”; in the same line, after “carts” insert “**on public highways**”; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 26, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 26, insert:

“(a) The St. Mary’s County Board of County Commissioners shall produce a report recommending and describing the areas of St. Mary’s County that the County Board considers appropriate for the operation of unregistered golf carts on public highways, subject to the standards established in this section.

(b) An area appropriate for the operation of golf carts on public highways shall:

(1) be an isolated area on an island or a peninsula bordering the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries;

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(2) have available significant public docking facilities or private docking facilities available to the public that would facilitate visitors to the area arriving by boat;

(3) be viable as a destination for the boating public as part of a network of tourist attractions throughout the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries;

(4) have available for visitors shopping, sightseeing, dining, charter fishing, beaches, pools, or water parks, or other attractions; and

(5) preferably contain no State highways or highways with a speed limit that exceeds 30 miles per hour.

(c) The report required under this section shall include a detailed map of any areas the County Board considers appropriate for the operation of unregistered golf carts on public highways, including a delineation of all public highways contained within the area.

(d) By December 1, 2023, the County Board shall submit the report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to:

(1) the House Environment and Transportation Committee;

(2) the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee; and

(3) the St. Mary's County Delegation to the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 6 on page 4, inclusive.