HOUSE BILL 1283

R4, R5 5lr3330 CF SB 912 By: Charles County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 6, 2025 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Charles County - Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles - Regulation and Enforcement FOR the purpose of authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations; and generally relating to off-highway recreational vehicles in Charles County. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 25–102(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Transportation 25-102.The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following powers as to highways under its jurisdiction:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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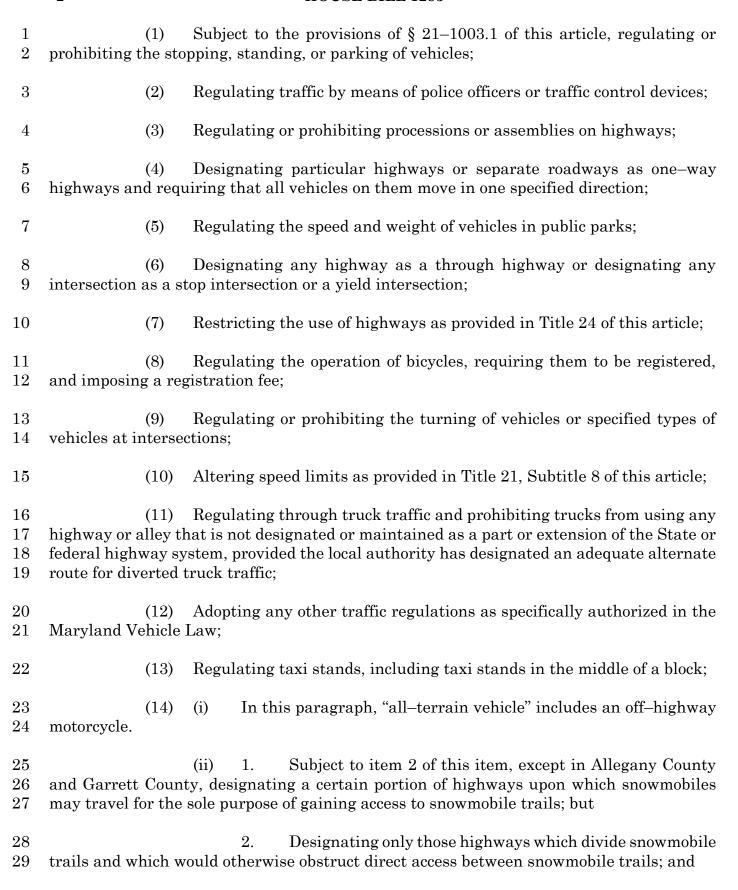
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

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In Allegany County and Garrett County:

1	1. Authorizing a person to:	
2 3	A. Cross a highway on an all–terrain vehicle or a snowmobile at a right angle at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour; or	
4 5	B. Operate an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on not more than 5 miles of highway at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour; and	
6 7 8	2. Designating a certain portion of highways upon which all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles may travel at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour for the sole purpose of gaining access to:	
9	A. Trails on which the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile is authorized;	
1	B. Fields; or	
12 13	C. Another area where the operation of an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile is authorized;	
14 15	(15) Requiring a motorized minibike to be permitted by the local authority, and imposing a permit fee;	
16 17 18	(16) In Allegany County, designating crossings on county highways where a person operating a golf cart may cross the highway for continued access to any portion of a golf course;	
9	(17) Restricting use of a low speed vehicle on a highway;	
20 21 22	(18) Authorizing an emergency vehicle not subject to registration to operate on a highway while performing an emergency service as defined in § 19–103 of this article; [and]	
23 24 25	(19) Authorizing a person to cross a highway on an all-terrain vehicle at a right angle to access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm; AND	
26	(20) IN CHARLES COUNTY:	
27 28	(I) REGULATING THE OPERATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES;	
29 30	(II) REQUIRING OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED BY THE COUNTY AND IMPOSING A REGISTRATION FEE;	

(III) IMPO OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATION	OSING AGE RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF AL VEHICLES; AND	
(IV) AUTHORIZING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF AN OFF-HIGHWARECREATIONAL VEHICLE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF:		
1.	TITLE 21, SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS ARTICLE;	
2.	§ 6–404 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR	
3.	§ 6–405 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.	
SECTION 2. AND BE I October 1, 2025.	TT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect	
Approved:		
	Governor.	
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.	
	President of the Senate.	