

SB 0076 Testimony

Good afternoon, Chairman Barve and Vice Chairman Stein, and the other attendees to this hearing.

My name is William Lawman, I am here to testify in favor of SB 0076 regarding Exceptions for Golf Carts on Cobb Island.

I live at 17203 Neale Rd in Cobb Island Md along with my wife of 46+years. My wife and I have been members of the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Dept, EMS & Auxiliary for that total time frame. We are also members of the Cobb Island Citizens Association and Holy Ghost Church.

I want to start by thanking Senator Ellis & his wife for attending the Cobb Island Citizen's association meeting and listening to our members regarding legalizing Golf carts for the Cobb Island Community. The meeting was well attended by the community members and voted to move forward to seek golf cart legalization. Senator Ellis, the Cobb Island residents for you and your staff for the tremendous effort you've made to get this legislation introduced in front of this committee. Cobb Island Citizen's Association has been working on this project for over 2 ½ years

Cobb Island is a small community, about 3 miles around the perimeter. The population of the Island is approx. 1000.

connected to the mainland by a two-lane bridge. The posted speed limits on the island is 25 miles per hour and 15 miles per hour around the playground.

Cobb Island has a community playground, a grocery store, Post Office, coffee shop, and a small eatery, along with the Cobb Island Citizens Association Office and the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire & EMS Dept. Many community members would enjoy the use of a golf cart to visit these establishments and attend the many community events on the Island. I would estimate there are 50 to 60 golf carts on the island. Passing this legislation will give the community residents the peace of mind knowing they would be operated legally and provide safety measures that we are looking forward to.

This is a close-knit community and there are several yearly events and activities held on the Island that brings our community members together. To name a few, Cobb Island days, National night out, Cobb Island Xmas Tree Lighting & Santa Claus for the children, Easter and Halloween celebrations for the children, along with several other community events.

We feel this legislation for Exceptions for Golf Carts would provide the Cobb Island Citizens with rules for the legal operation of a golf cart and only allow individuals with a Driver's License to operate a golf cart and adhere to the rules of this proposed legislation.

My wife and I are in favor in the passage of SB0076 and would appreciate your review of this legislation with a positive outcome. Thank you for your time reviewing SB 0076. The Cobb Island residents are hopeful you will agree to the passing of this legislation, so the residents of Cobb Island can operate golf carts legally and safely.

Thank you!



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