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Bill: HB 948 – Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles – Cobb Island
Committee: House – Environment and Transportation
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chairman Stein, and Members:

On behalf of the Charles County Commissioners, this letter is to express the support of the Board for HB 948—Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles – Cobb Island.

HB 948 establishes exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island in Charles County, and allows golf carts and low speed vehicles to be utilized on a highway on Cobb Island with certain stipulations. Specifically, HB 948 permits use of golf carts and low speed vehicles on highways which the maximum speed limit does not exceed 30 miles per hours, only between dawn and dusk, and requires the vehicles be equipped with lighting devices. Further, they must be operated to the far right of the roadway, and only by an individual with a valid driver’s license. These are all important safety measures that the Board of Commissioners supports.

Residents of Cobb Island sought this legislation to allow for golf carts and low speed vehicles to be lawfully used on the island, and we support their request. This appears to be similar legislation to previously enacted laws allowing for the use of golf carts within certain communities in Allegany, Somerset, St. Mary’s, and Dorchester counties, which have benefited those communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for HB 948.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation