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Bill: SB374 – Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles – Cobb Island
Committee: Senate – Judicial Proceedings
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members:

On behalf of the Charles County Commissioners, this letter is to express the support of the Board for SB 374—Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles – Cobb Island.

SB 374 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, SB 374 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 SB 374.

Sincerely,

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation