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Testimony IN FAVOR of HB 440 Motor Vehicle Registration-Exceptions for Golf Carts-Cobb Island

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I am in favor of HB 440 which allows a person to operate a golf cart equipped with approved lights on Cobb Island in Charles County, between dawn and dusk, on highways which the maximum proposed speed limit does not exceed 30 mph. Golf carts must be kept to the far right of highway as feasible and the driver must possess a valid driver's license. A golf cart operating pursuant to the bill's authorization is exempt from the general requirement that each motor vehicle driven on a highway in the State be registered.

I respectfully request the Senate to return a favorable report on HB 440. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Kay Stonestreet

# **HB 440. Golf Carts. Letter of Support.pdf**

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County Administrator

February 15, 2024

Bill: HB 440 – Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts - Cobb Island  
Committee: House – Environment and Transportation  
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Korman, Vice Chairwoman Boyce, and Members:

On behalf of the Charles County Commissioners, this letter is to express the support of the Board for HB 440—Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts – Cobb Island.

HB 440 establishes exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Cobb Island in Charles County, and allows golf carts to be utilized on a highway on Cobb Island with certain stipulations. Specifically, HB 440 permits use of golf carts 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.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for HB 440.

Sincerely,

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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
CHARLES COUNTY DELEGATION

March 20th, 2024

Chairman Brian J. Feldman.  
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

2 West  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB440 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts - Cobb Island

Chairman Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan and Committee Members:

We respectfully request a favorable report on HB440 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts- Cobb Island. This is a Charles County delegation bill with unanimous support from the Charles County Board of Commissioners and the Charles County House and Senate Delegations.

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at x3337.

With gratitude and service,

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Debra Davis  
Delegate, District 28  
Chair, Charles County Delegation

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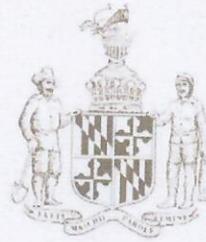
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
CHARLES COUNTY DELEGATION

February 8th, 2024

Delegate Marc Korman  
Environment and Transportation Committee

251 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

HB440 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Cobb Island

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Committee members:

The Charles County Delegation requests a favorable report on HB440 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Cobb Island. The Delegation unanimously supported the bill.

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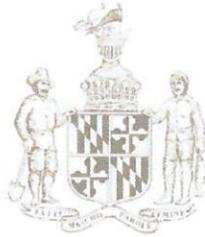
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March 5, 2024

Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Boyce and colleagues of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

**Re: HB440 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts - Cobb Island**

This bill when passed would allow the use of golf carts on Cobb Island in Charles County:

1. On highways which the maximum posted speed does not exceed 30 miles.
2. Between the hours of dawn and dusk
3. For drivers with a valid driver's license
4. If the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

This is a Charles County delegation bill with unanimous support from the Charles County Board of Commissioners and the Charles County House and Senate Delegations. We have submitted a Delegation support letter, tally sheets and Charles County Board of Commissioner's letter of support.

We respectfully request a favorable report on HB-440 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts- Cobb Island.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Debra Davis, Esq.  
Chair, Charles County Delegation

# **SENATE.HB 440. Golf Carts. Letter of Support.pdf**

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**Mark Belton**  
County Administrator

March 26, 2024

Bill: HB 440 – Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts - Cobb Island  
Committee: SENATE – Judicial Proceedings  
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members:

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