

HOUSE BILL 173

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Charles County – Golf Cart Zones**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the Maryland Vehicle Law does not preclude
4 Charles County from designating golf cart zones on county highways or from
5 administering the operation and maintenance of golf cart zones; and generally
6 relating to the designation and administration of golf cart zones in Charles
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 25–102(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 25–102.

17 (a) The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local
18 authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following
19 powers as to highways under its jurisdiction:

20 (1) Subject to the provisions of § 21–1003.1 of this article, regulating
21 or prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles;

22 (2) Regulating traffic by means of police officers or traffic control
23 devices;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblies on highways;
- 2 (4) Designating particular highways or separate roadways as one-way
3 highways and requiring that all vehicles on them move in one specified direction;
- 4 (5) Regulating the speed and weight of vehicles in public parks;
- 5 (6) Designating any highway as a through highway or designating any
6 intersection as a stop intersection or a yield intersection;
- 7 (7) Restricting the use of highways as provided in Title 24 of this
8 article;
- 9 (8) Regulating the operation of bicycles, requiring them to be
10 registered, and imposing a registration fee;
- 11 (9) Regulating or prohibiting the turning of vehicles or specified types
12 of vehicles at intersections;
- 13 (10) Altering speed limits as provided in Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this
14 article;
- 15 (11) Regulating through truck traffic and prohibiting trucks from using
16 any highway or alley that is not designated or maintained as a part or extension of the
17 State or federal highway system, provided the local authority has designated an
18 adequate alternate route for diverted truck traffic;
- 19 (12) Adopting any other traffic regulations as specifically authorized in
20 the Maryland Vehicle Law;
- 21 (13) Regulating taxi stands, including taxi stands in the middle of a
22 block;
- 23 (14) (i) Except in Garrett County, designating a certain portion of
24 highways upon which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of gaining access to
25 snowmobile trails. However, only those highways which divide snowmobile trails and
26 which would otherwise obstruct direct access between snowmobile trails may be so
27 designated by the local authority; and
- 28 (ii) In Garrett County, permitting a person to cross a highway
29 on a snowmobile at a right angle, and designating a certain portion of highways upon
30 which snowmobiles may travel for the sole purpose of gaining access to snowmobile
31 trails;
- 32 (15) Requiring a motorized minibike to be permitted by the local
33 authority, and imposing a permit fee;

1 (16) In Allegany County, designating crossings on county highways
2 where a person operating a golf cart may cross the highway for continued access to any
3 portion of a golf course; [and]

4 (17) Restricting use of a low speed vehicle on a highway; **AND**

5 **(18) IN CHARLES COUNTY, DESIGNATING GOLF CART ZONES ON**
6 **COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND ADMINISTERING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**
7 **OF GOLF CART ZONES.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.