

SENATE BILL 215

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Town of Vienna**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the Town of Vienna; providing that a
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the Town of Vienna may operate the
6 golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped
7 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a
8 highway in the Town of Vienna to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible
9 and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the State Highway Administration,
10 in consultation with the appropriate local authority, to develop locations where a
11 person operating a golf cart may cross certain highways; making certain conforming
12 changes; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration
13 requirements for golf carts in the Town of Vienna.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13–402(a)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 13–402(c) and 21–104.2
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-402.

2 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
3 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on
4 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

5 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

6 (1) A vehicle that is driven on a highway:

7 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to
8 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile
9 equipment, or nonresidents; or

10 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
11 Administration;

12 (2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized
13 officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

14 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

15 (4) A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the highway;

16 (5) A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar and
17 for which no driver is necessary;

18 (6) A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for purpose
19 of sale;

20 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days
21 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the
22 resident's former domicile;

23 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13-626
24 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
25 Administration;

26 (9) A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce exclusively
27 within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;

28 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed
29 by § 25-102(a)(14) of this article;

30 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that
31 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is
32 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

1 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in the City of Crisfield,
2 Somerset County, **OR THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY**, in accordance
3 with § 21–104.2 of this article;

4 (13) A golf cart that is operated on a county highway in the community of
5 Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, in accordance with § 21–104.3 of this
6 article;

7 (14) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
8 by the county under § 25–102(a)(16) of this article; or

9 (15) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a
10 foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays
11 a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government.

12 21–104.2.

13 (a) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN:**

14 **(1) THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY; AND**

15 **(2) THE TOWN OF VIENNA, DORCHESTER COUNTY.**

16 **(B)** A person who operates a golf cart on a highway [in the City of Crisfield,
17 Somerset County,] without registration as authorized under § 13–402(c)(12) of this article:

18 (1) May operate the golf cart only:

19 (i) On a highway:

20 1. That is not designated or maintained as a part or an
21 extension of the State or federal highway system; and

22 2. On which the maximum posted speed limit does not exceed
23 35 miles per hour;

24 (ii) Between dawn and dusk; and

25 (iii) If the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by
26 the Administration;

27 (2) Shall keep the golf cart as far to the right of the roadway as feasible;
28 and

29 (3) Shall possess a valid driver's license.

1 **[(b)] (C)** The State Highway Administration, in consultation with **[the City of**
2 **Crisfield]** **THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY**, may designate **[a location]**
3 **LOCATIONS** in the City of Crisfield **OR THE TOWN OF VIENNA** where a person operating
4 a golf cart may cross, at a right angle, a highway that is designated or maintained as a part
5 or an extension of the State or federal highway system.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2018.