

SENATE BILL 309

R4, R5

(6lr2495)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by **Senator Mathias**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – City of Crisfield**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield 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 City of Crisfield 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 City of Crisfield, to develop a location in the City of Crisfield
11 where a person operating a golf cart may cross over a certain highway; and generally
12 relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in
13 the City of Crisfield.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Transportation
2 Section 13–402(a)(1)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 13–402(c)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–104.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 13–402.

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

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

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

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

27 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
28 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (12) **A GOLF CART THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
19 **CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.2 OF THIS**
20 **ARTICLE;**

21 (13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
22 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; or

23 [(13)] (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer
24 of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle
25 displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government.

26 **21-104.2.**

27 **(A) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
28 **CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER**
29 **§ 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

30 **(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:**

31 **(I) ON A HIGHWAY ~~ON~~:**

1 1. THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART
2 OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND

3 2. ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES
4 NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;

5 (II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

6 (III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES
7 AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; ~~AND~~

8 (2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE
9 ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

10 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

11 (B) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
12 CITY OF CRISFIELD, MAY DESIGNATE A LOCATION IN THE CITY OF CRISFIELD WHERE
13 A PERSON OPERATING A GOLF CART MAY CROSS, AT A RIGHT ANGLE, A HIGHWAY THAT
14 IS DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR
15 FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.