

HOUSE BILL 833

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By: **Delegate M. Fisher**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Town of North Beach – Golf Carts and Robotic Delivery**
3 **Devices**

4 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements,
5 under certain circumstances, for golf carts or robotic delivery devices operated on a
6 municipal highway in the Town of North Beach, Calvert County; authorizing the
7 Town of North Beach to allow the operation of golf carts or robotic delivery devices
8 on municipal highways; and generally relating to the operation of golf carts or robotic
9 delivery devices on municipal highways in the Town of North Beach.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 11–151.1
13 to be Section 11–151.2
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 13–402(a)(1)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 13–402(c)(13) and (14) and 25–102(a)(18) and (19)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

27 Article – Transportation

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 11–151.1, 13–402(c)(14), and 25–102(a)(20)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 5 That Section(s) 11–151.1 of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
 6 renumbered to be Section(s) 11–151.2.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 8 as follows:

9 **Article – Transportation**

10 **11–151.1.**

11 **“ROBOTIC DELIVERY DEVICE” MEANS A SELF–PROPELLING DEVICE USED FOR**
 12 **THE DELIVERY OF FOOD OR OTHER ITEMS TO BUSINESSES OR RESIDENCES.**

13 13–402.

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

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

18 (13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
 19 by the county under § 25–102(a)(16) of this article; [or]

20 **(14) A GOLF CART OR ROBOTIC DELIVERY DEVICE THAT IS OPERATED**
 21 **ON A MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF NORTH BEACH, CALVERT COUNTY, AS**
 22 **ALLOWED BY THE TOWN GOVERNMENT UNDER § 25–102(A)(20); OR**

23 **[(14)] (15)** 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 25–102.

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

30 (18) Authorizing an emergency vehicle not subject to registration to operate
 31 on a highway while performing an emergency service as defined in § 19–103 of this article;
 32 [and]

1 (19) Authorizing a person to cross a highway on an all-terrain vehicle at a
2 right angle to access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of the same
3 farm; AND

4 **(20) IN THE TOWN OF NORTH BEACH, CALVERT COUNTY,**
5 **AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS OR ROBOTIC DELIVERY DEVICES ON**
6 **MUNICIPAL HIGHWAYS.**

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2019.