

# SENATE BILL 389

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Low Speed Electric Vehicles – City**  
3 **of Havre de Grace**

4 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements under  
5 certain circumstances for low speed electric vehicles in the City of Havre de Grace  
6 that are owned and operated by the City of Havre de Grace; providing that a person  
7 who operates a low speed electric vehicle on a roadway in the City of Havre de Grace  
8 may operate the low speed electric vehicle only on certain roadways and, at certain  
9 times, only if the low speed electric vehicle is equipped with certain lighting devices;  
10 requiring a person who operates a low speed electric vehicle on a roadway in the City  
11 of Havre de Grace to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess  
12 a valid driver's license; authorizing the State Highway Administration, in  
13 consultation with the City of Havre de Grace, to develop a location in the City of  
14 Havre de Grace where a person operating a low speed electric vehicle may cross over  
15 a certain roadway; defining a certain term; and generally relating to an exception to  
16 motor vehicle registration requirements for low speed electric vehicles in the City of  
17 Havre de Grace.

18 BY renumbering

19 Article – Transportation

20 Section 11–130.1

21 to be Section 11–130.2

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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### 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.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
2 Article – Transportation  
3 Section 11–101 and 13–402(a)(1)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

6 BY adding to  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 11–130.1 and 21–104.5  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 13–402(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That Section(s) 11–130.1 of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be  
18 renumbered to be Section(s) 11–130.2.

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 11–101.

23 In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated,  
24 unless the context requires otherwise.

25 **11–130.1.**

26 **“LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT IS:**

27 **(1) CAPABLE OF A SUSTAINED SPEED OF 20 MILES PER HOUR; AND**

28 **(2) NOT CAPABLE OF EXCEEDING A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 25 MILES**  
29 **PER HOUR.**

30 13–402.

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

- 1           (c)    Registration under this subtitle is not required for:
- 2                (1)    A vehicle that is driven on a highway:
- 3                    (i)    In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to  
4 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile  
5 equipment, or nonresidents; or
- 6                    (ii)   Under a temporary registration card issued by the  
7 Administration;
- 8                (2)    A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized  
9 officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;
- 10               (3)    A farm tractor or any farm equipment;
- 11               (4)    A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the highway;
- 12               (5)    A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar and  
13 for which no driver is necessary;
- 14               (6)    A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for purpose  
15 of sale;
- 16               (7)    A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days  
17 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the  
18 resident's former domicile;
- 19               (8)    New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13–626  
20 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the  
21 Administration;
- 22               (9)    A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce exclusively  
23 within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;
- 24               (10)   A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed  
25 by § 25–102(a)(14) of this article;
- 26               (11)   A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that  
27 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is  
28 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;
- 29               (12)   A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21–104.2  
30 through 21–104.4 of this article;
- 31               (13)   A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed  
32 by the county under § 25–102(a)(16) of this article; [or]

1 (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a  
2 foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays  
3 a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government; OR

4 (15) A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED  
5 BY THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, AND OPERATED ON A  
6 ROADWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, ~~HARFORD COUNTY,~~ IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH § 21-104.5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

8 **21-104.5.**

9 (A) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE ON A  
10 ROADWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, WITHOUT  
11 REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-402(C)(15) OF THIS ARTICLE:

12 (1) MAY OPERATE THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE:

13 (I) ONLY ON A ROADWAY:

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

16 2. ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES  
17 NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR; AND

18 (II) WHEN OPERATED BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN, ONLY IF THE  
19 LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES AS REQUIRED  
20 BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

21 (2) SHALL KEEP THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE AS FAR TO THE  
22 RIGHT OF THE ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

23 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE APPROPRIATE FOR  
24 THE VEHICLE BEING OPERATED.

25 (B) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
26 CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MAY DESIGNATE A LOCATION IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE  
27 GRACE AT WHICH A PERSON OPERATING A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE MAY  
28 CROSS, AT A RIGHT ANGLE, A ROADWAY THAT IS DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A  
29 PART OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
31 1, 2019.