

SENATE BILL 389

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By: **Senators Cassilly, Gallion, and Jennings**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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

17 BY renumbering

18 Article – Transportation

19 Section 11–130.1

20 to be Section 11–130.2

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

24 Article – Transportation

25 Section 11–101 and 13–402(a)(1)

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

28 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Transportation
2 Section 11–130.1 and 21–104.5
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 2018 Supplement)

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

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 11–101.

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

19 **11–130.1.**

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

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

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

24 13–402.

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

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

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

30 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to
31 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile

1 equipment, or nonresidents; or

2 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
3 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21-104.2
26 through 21-104.4 of this article;

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

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

32 **(15) A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A**

1 ROADWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE
2 WITH § 21-104.5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 21-104.5.

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

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

8 (I) ONLY ON A ROADWAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
26 1, 2019.