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House Bill 833 (Delegate M. Fisher)
Environment and Transportation

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

This bill exempts a golf cart or “robotic delivery device” that is operated on a municipal highway in the Town of North Beach in Calvert County from the general requirement that a motor vehicle driven on a highway must be registered. However, the Town of North Beach must approve the operation of such vehicles. A “robotic delivery device” is a self-propelling device used for the delivery of food or other items to businesses or residences. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on a highway must be registered. Certain motor vehicles are exempt from this requirement, including certain snowmobiles in Garrett County and certain golf carts in Allegany County, Smith Island, the City of Crisfield in Somerset County, the community of Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls in St. Mary’s County, and the Town of Vienna in Dorchester County.

A “motor vehicle” is defined as a vehicle that, unless otherwise specifically exempted, is self-propelled or propelled by electric power obtained from overhead electrical wires and

not operated on rails. Certain vehicles, such as low-speed vehicles, bicycles, and motor scooters, are restricted to certain highways based on the maximum posted speed limit; they may be subject to different rules of the road than passenger cars and trucks.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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