

SENATE BILL 94

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island;
5 providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper or Middle
6 Hoopers Island may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and
7 only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who
8 operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island to keep as far
9 to the right as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the County
10 Council of Dorchester County to designate highways on which a person may operate
11 a golf cart on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island; and generally relating to an exception
12 to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers
13 Island.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13-402(a)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 13-402(c)(12)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

24 BY adding to
25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 21-104.5
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13–402.

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

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

(12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21–104.2 through [21–104.4] **21–104.5** of this article;

21–104.5.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY ON UPPER OR MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND, DORCHESTER COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13–402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

(I) ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;

(II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

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

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

(3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE.

(B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY RESOLUTION THE HIGHWAYS ON UPPER OR MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

1 October 1, 2020.