

Chapter 388

**(Senate Bill 80)**

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and Taylors Island**

FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, and Taylors Island, subject to certain requirements and conditions; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to designate county highways on which a person may operate a golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; and generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–402(a)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 13–402(c)(12)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–104.6  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 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] **§ 21-104.2, § 21-104.3, § 21-104.4, OR § 21-104.6** of this article;

**21-104.6.**

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

**(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:**

**(I) ON A COUNTY 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 COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.**