

HOUSE BILL 193

R4, R5

(2lr0989)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by **Dorchester County Delegation and Delegates Sample-Hughes and Mautz**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for ~~Electric~~ Golf Carts – Hoopers**
3 **Island and Taylors Island**

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13-402(a)(1)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Transportation
5 Section 13–402(c)(12)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
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8 BY adding to
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–104.6
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 13–402.

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

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

21 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with [§§
22 21–104.2 through 21–104.4] **§ 21–104.2, § 21–104.3, § 21–104.4, OR § 21–104.6** of this
23 article;

24 **21–104.6.**

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

29 **(1) MAY OPERATE THE ~~ELECTRIC~~ GOLF CART ONLY:**

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

32 **(II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND**

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

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

5 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

6 (B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY
7 RESOLUTION THE COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE
8 HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE ~~A AN~~
9 ~~ELECTRIC~~ A GOLF CART.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.