

# HOUSE BILL 193

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation and Delegates Sample–Hughes and Mautz**

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## 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 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)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Transportation  
18 Section 13–402(c)(12)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

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### 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.



1 Article – Transportation  
2 Section 21–104.6  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Transportation**

8 13–402.

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

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

13 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with [§§  
14 21–104.2 through 21–104.4] **§ 21–104.2, § 21–104.3, § 21–104.4, OR § 21–104.6** of this  
15 article;

16 **21–104.6.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           **(B) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY**  
2 **RESOLUTION THE COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE**  
3 **HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE ~~A~~ AN**  
4 **ELECTRIC GOLF CART.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.