

SENATE BILL 703

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By: **Senators Hough and Young**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for
4 golf carts operating on certain county roads in Frederick County, subject to certain
5 requirements and conditions; authorizing Frederick County to designate county
6 highways on which a person may operate a golf cart and to establish further safety
7 requirements and conditions for the operation of golf carts on county highways; and
8 generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf
9 carts in Frederick County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 13–402(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 21–104.6
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 DESIGNATED COUNTY HIGHWAY IN FREDERICK COUNTY, 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 35 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) FREDERICK COUNTY MAY, BY LOCAL LAW:

(1) DESIGNATE COUNTY HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART; AND

(2) ESTABLISH FURTHER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS.

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