

HOUSE BILL 1166

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – City of Crisfield**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration
4 requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield;
5 providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of
6 Crisfield 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
8 who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to
9 the right of the roadway as feasible; and generally relating to an exception to
10 motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the City of Crisfield.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–402(a)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 13–402(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 21–104.2
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Transportation**

2 13–402.

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

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

7 (1) A vehicle that is driven on a highway:

8 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to
9 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special
10 mobile equipment, or nonresidents; or

11 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
12 Administration;

13 (2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an
14 authorized officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

15 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

16 (4) A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the
17 highway;

18 (5) A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar
19 and for which no driver is necessary;

20 (6) A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for
21 purpose of sale;

22 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60
23 days of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the
24 jurisdiction of the resident's former domicile;

25 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in §
26 13–626 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit
27 issued by the Administration;

28 (9) A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce
29 exclusively within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;

30 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as
31 prescribed by § 25–102(a)(14) of this article;

1 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided
2 that the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if
3 it is operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

4 (12) **A GOLF CART THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY
5 OF CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.2 OF THIS
6 ARTICLE;**

7 (13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as
8 allowed by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; or

9 ~~[(13)]~~ (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic
10 officer of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the
11 vehicle displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States
12 government.

13 **21-104.2.**

14 **A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF
15 CRISFIELD, SOMERSET COUNTY WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED
16 UNDER § 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

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

18 (I) **ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED
19 SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 35 MILES PER HOUR;**

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

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

23 (2) **SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE
24 ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2011.