

SENATE BILL 309

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CF HB 253

By: **Senator Mathias**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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 requirements
4 under certain circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a
5 person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield may operate the
6 golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped
7 with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a
8 highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible;
9 and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for
10 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 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 13–402(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 21–104.2
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 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

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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 on
5 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 mobile
10 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 authorized
14 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 highway;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (12) **A GOLF CART THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF**
5 **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 allowed
8 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; or

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

12 **21-104.2.**

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

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

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

19 (ii) **BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND**

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2016.