

HOUSE BILL 275

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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Town of Charlestown**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for
4 golf carts in the Town of Charlestown, Cecil County, subject to certain requirements
5 and conditions; authorizing the Town Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown to
6 designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in the Town of
7 Charlestown; and generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration
8 requirements for golf carts.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–402(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13–402(c)(12)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–104.7
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-402.

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

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

6 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with § 21-104.2,
7 § 21-104.3, § 21-104.4, [or] § 21-104.6, **OR § 21-104.7** of this article;

8 **21-104.7.**

9 (A) **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO**
10 **OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, CECIL**
11 **COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS**
12 **ARTICLE:**

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

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

16 (II) **IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES**
17 **AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;**

18 (2) **SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE**
19 **ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND**

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

21 (B) **THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN MAY**
22 **DESIGNATE BY RESOLUTION THE HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,**
23 **CECIL COUNTY, ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2024.