

HOUSE BILL 217

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HB 467/19 – ENT

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By: **Delegates Lisanti and Johnson**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception – City of Havre de Grace**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements under
4 certain circumstances for low speed electric vehicles in the City of Havre de Grace
5 that are owned and operated by the City of Havre de Grace; providing that a person
6 who operates a low speed electric vehicle on a roadway in the City of Havre de Grace
7 may operate the low speed electric vehicle only on certain roadways and, at certain
8 times, only if the low speed electric vehicle is equipped with certain lighting devices;
9 requiring a person who operates a low speed electric vehicle on a roadway in the City
10 of Havre de Grace to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess
11 a valid driver's license; authorizing the State Highway Administration, in
12 consultation with the City of Havre de Grace, to develop a location in the City of
13 Havre de Grace where a person operating a low speed electric vehicle may cross over
14 a certain roadway; defining a certain term; and generally relating to an exception to
15 motor vehicle registration requirements for low speed electric vehicles in the City of
16 Havre de Grace.

17 BY renumbering

18 Article – Transportation

19 Section 11–130.1

20 to be Section 11–130.2

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

24 Article – Transportation

25 Section 11–101 and 13–402(a)(1)

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

28 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation

Section 11–130.1 and 21–104.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 13–402(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 11–130.1 of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
renumbered to be Section(s) 11–130.2.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Transportation

11–101.

In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated,
unless the context requires otherwise.

11–130.1.

“LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT IS:

(1) CAPABLE OF A SUSTAINED SPEED OF 20 MILES PER HOUR; AND

**(2) NOT CAPABLE OF EXCEEDING A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 25 MILES
PER HOUR.**

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:

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

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

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

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

(3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21–104.2 through 21–104.4 of this article;

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

(14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government; OR

(15) A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, AND OPERATED ON A

1 ROADWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.5 OF
2 THIS ARTICLE.

3 21-104.5.

4 (A) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE ON A
5 ROADWAY IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, HARFORD COUNTY, WITHOUT
6 REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-402(C)(15) OF THIS ARTICLE:

7 (1) MAY OPERATE THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE:

8 (I) ONLY ON A ROADWAY:

9 1. THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A PART
10 OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND

11 2. ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES
12 NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR; AND

13 (II) WHEN OPERATED BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN, ONLY IF THE
14 LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES AS REQUIRED
15 BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

16 (2) SHALL KEEP THE LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE AS FAR TO THE
17 RIGHT OF THE ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

18 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE APPROPRIATE FOR
19 THE VEHICLE BEING OPERATED.

20 (B) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
21 CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MAY DESIGNATE A LOCATION IN THE CITY OF HAVRE DE
22 GRACE AT WHICH A PERSON OPERATING A LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE MAY
23 CROSS, AT A RIGHT ANGLE, A ROADWAY THAT IS DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED AS A
24 PART OR AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
26 1, 2020.