

SENATE BILL 312

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SB 94/20 – JPR

(PRE-FILED)

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CF HB 279

By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and**
3 **Taylors Island**

4 FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements
5 under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers
6 Island, or Taylors Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a
7 highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may
8 operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is
9 equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart
10 on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island to
11 keep as far to the right as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing
12 the County Council of Dorchester County to designate highways on which a person
13 may operate a golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors
14 Island; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration
15 requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or
16 Taylors Island.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 13–402(a)(1)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2020 Replacement Volume)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Transportation
24 Section 13–402(c)(12)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2020 Replacement Volume)

27 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation
Section 21–104.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

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

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] **21–104.5** of this article;

21–104.5.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE HOOPERS ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND, DORCHESTER COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13–402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

(I) ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 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) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE BY RESOLUTION THE HIGHWAYS ON UPPER HOOPERS ISLAND, MIDDLE HOOPERS

1 ISLAND, OR TAYLORS ISLAND ON WHICH A PERSON MAY OPERATE A GOLF CART.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2021.