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SENATE BILL NO. 1074

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-676 of the Code of Virginia, relating to operation of golf carts on public highways in the Town of Cape Charles.

Patrons—Rerras, Chichester and Williams; Delegate: Bloxom

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-676 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-676. Golf carts.

A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee, for any golf cart which is not operated on or over any public highway in the Commonwealth for any other purpose other than operating it across a highway from one portion of a golf course to another portion thereof or to another adjacent golf course. Nor shall any person be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any fees to operate a golf cart across any highway if the person driving the golf cart has with him in the vehicle a valid special parking placard issued to him under § 46.2-1241.

B. No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee to operate a golf cart along a road between his home and golf course if: (i) the trip would not be longer than one-half mile in either direction, (ii) the speed limit on the road is no more than thirty-five miles per hour, (iii) the driver of the vehicle is at least sixteen years old, and (iv) while operating along a highway, the vehicle displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081.

C. No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee to operate a golf cart owned by the County of Halifax on the public highways if such golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081 and is being operated on highways with speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less within the Town of Halifax on official business of the maintenance department of the County of Halifax by an employee of that department who is a licensed driver.

D. No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee to operate a golf cart owned by the County of Goochland on the public highways if such golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081 and is being operated on highways with speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less at Goochland Courthouse on official business of the maintenance department of the County of Goochland by an employee of that department who is a licensed driver.

E. No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee to operate a golf cart on the public highways within the Town of Colonial Beach if such golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081, is operated by a licensed driver, and is not operated on Virginia Route 205. The Town Council of the Town of Colonial Beach may, by ordinance, impose additional limitations and restrictions on the operation of golf carts on the public highways within the Town.

F. *No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee to operate a golf cart on the public highways within the Town of Cape Charles if such golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081, is operated by a licensed driver, and is not operated on Virginia Route 184 east of Fulcher Street. The Town Council of the Town of Cape Charles may, by ordinance, impose additional limitations and restrictions on the operation of golf carts on the public highways within the Town.*

G. No person shall be required to obtain registration certificates, license plates or decals, or to pay any registration fee, to operate a golf cart, utility vehicle, or similar vehicle intended for off-road use having no more than twenty-five horsepower, on any highway within the property limits of any public or private two-year or four-year institution of higher education, provided such vehicle: (i) displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081, (ii) is being operated on highways with speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less, and (iii) is operated by an employee of the institution of higher education who is a licensed driver, on official business of such institution.

H. Every vehicle operated upon a highway pursuant to this section shall be operated only between sunrise and sunset unless equipped with such lights as are required in Article 3 (§ 46.2-1010 et seq.) of

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59 Chapter 10 of this title, for different classes of vehicles.