

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to operation of golf carts*
3 *and utility vehicles on highways.*

4 [H 488]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-916.2. Designation of public highways for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.**

9 A. No portion of the public highways may be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles
10 unless the governing body of the county, city, or town in which that portion of the highway is located
11 has reviewed and approved such highway usage.

12 B. The governing body of any county, city or town may by ordinance authorize the operation of golf
13 carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways within its boundaries after (i) considering the
14 speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such highways and (ii) determining that golf
15 cart and utility vehicle operation on particular highways is compatible with state and local transportation
16 plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in
17 § 33.1-23.03:001.

18 C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, no town that has not established its own
19 police department, as defined in § 9.1-165, may authorize the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles.
20 The provision of this subsection shall not apply to the Towns of Claremont, *Clifton*, Irvington, Saxis,
21 Urbanna, or Wachapreague.

22 D. No public highway shall be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles if such golf cart
23 and utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

24 E. The county, city or town that has authorized the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles shall be
25 responsible for the installation and continuing maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of
26 golf carts or utility vehicles. Such county, city or town may include in its ordinance for designating
27 highways the ability to recover its costs of the signs and maintenance pertaining thereto from
28 organizations, individuals or entities requesting the designations. The cost of installation and continuing
29 maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles shall not be paid by
30 the Virginia Department of Transportation.

31 F. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, employees of the Department of Conservation
32 and Recreation may operate golf carts and utility vehicles on those portions of public highways located
33 within Department of Conservation and Recreation property and on Virginia Department of
34 Transportation-maintained highways that are adjacent to Department of Conservation and Recreation
35 property, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with speed limits of no
36 more than 35 miles per hour.

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