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Committee Bill No. 260

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Autonomous technology" means equipment, devices or other
4 technology installed on a motor vehicle, either by the original
5 equipment manufacturer or an aftermarket installer, which renders the
6 motor vehicle capable of driving or operating without the active
7 physical control or monitoring of a human operator. Such equipment,
8 devices or technology do not include an active safety system or any
9 system for driver assistance, including, but not limited to, a system to
10 provide electronic blind spot detection, crash avoidance, emergency
11 braking, parking assistance, adaptive cruise control, lane keeping
12 assistance, lane departure warning or traffic jam and queuing
13 assistance, unless the system, alone or in combination with any other
14 system, enables the vehicle to drive without the active physical control
15 or monitoring by a human operator;

16 (2) "Autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is equipped

17 with autonomous technology that can operate without the active
18 physical control or monitoring of a human operator;

19 (3) "Operator" means the person seated in the driver's seat of an
20 autonomous vehicle;

21 (4) "Fleet service provider" means a person or entity that owns or
22 leases an autonomous vehicle and operates such autonomous vehicle
23 for commercial or public use;

24 (5) "Autonomous vehicle manufacturer" means:

25 (A) A person or entity that builds or sells autonomous vehicles;

26 (B) A person or entity that installs autonomous technology or
27 autonomous technology components in motor vehicles that are not
28 originally built as autonomous vehicles; or

29 (C) A person or entity that develops software or components for
30 autonomous technology in autonomous vehicles, including motor
31 vehicles that are not originally built as autonomous vehicles;

32 (6) "Autonomous vehicle tester" means an autonomous vehicle
33 manufacturer, educational institution, automotive equipment or
34 technology provider, fleet operator or person who is certified by an
35 autonomous vehicle manufacturer to conduct testing and who has
36 been authorized by the state to conduct public testing of an
37 autonomous vehicle;

38 (7) "Highway" has the same meaning as defined in section 14-1 of
39 the general statutes;

40 (8) "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles.

41 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of
42 Transportation, the Office of Policy and Management and the
43 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, may
44 establish a pilot program for not more than two municipalities to test

45 autonomous vehicles on the highways of this state.

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
47 study autonomous vehicles. Such study shall include, but need not be
48 limited to, an examination of autonomous vehicles and an analysis of
49 how such vehicles will impact the state and the state's automobile
50 industry.

51 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

52 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

53 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

54 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
55 Representatives;

56 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

57 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
58 Representatives;

59 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

60 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
61 designee;

62 (8) Three persons appointed by the Governor;

63 (9) One appointed by the senate chairperson of the joint standing
64 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
65 relating to transportation;

66 (10) One appointed by the house chairperson of the joint standing
67 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
68 relating to transportation; and

69 (11) One appointed by the senate ranking member of the joint
70 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

71 matters relating to transportation.

72 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)
73 to (6), inclusive, and (8) to (11), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this
74 section may be a member of the General Assembly.

75 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
76 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
77 filled by the appointing authority.

78 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
79 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
80 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
81 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
82 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

83 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
84 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
85 transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

86 (g) Not later than January 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a
87 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
88 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
89 relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section
90 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
91 that it submits such report or January 1, 2018, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program for the testing of autonomous vehicles and establish a task force to study autonomous vehicles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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