



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 260**

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**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) "Highway" has the same meaning as defined in section 14-1 of  
33 the general statutes;

34 (7) "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles.

35 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of  
36 Transportation, the Office of Policy and Management and the  
37 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, may  
38 establish a pilot program for not more than two municipalities to allow  
39 the testing of autonomous vehicles by autonomous vehicles  
40 manufacturers on the highways in such municipalities.

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

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

- 47 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 48 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 49 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
50 Representatives;
- 51 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 52 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
53 Representatives;
- 54 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 55 (7) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing  
56 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
57 relating to transportation;
- 58 (8) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint  
59 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
60 matters relating to transportation;
- 61 (9) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing  
62 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
63 relating to transportation;
- 64 (10) Three persons appointed by the Governor; and
- 65 (11) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's  
66 designee.
- 67 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)  
68 to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
69 the General Assembly.
- 70 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
71 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
72 filled by the appointing authority.

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

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

81 (g) Not later than January 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a  
82 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
83 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
84 relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section  
85 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
86 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 Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), the definition of "autonomous vehicle tester" was deleted because the term is not used in the section; in Section 1(b), the provision was rewritten for clarity and to reflect legislative intent; in Section 2(b), Subdivs. (7) to (11), inclusive, were reordered for clarity; and in Section 2(c), "subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, and (8) to (11)" was changed to "subdivisions (1) to (10)" to conform with the changes being made in Section 2(b).

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*