

SB1246 • California

Autonomous vehicles.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Effective: Jul 01, 2026 | Last Action (Apr 15, 2026): Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Summary

SB1246 introduces regulations for autonomous vehicles in California, including safety measures and integration strategies, with new sections added to the Vehicle Code.

Business Impact

If you operate autonomous vehicles in California, you must ensure remote assistants are U.S.-based and licensed by July 1, 2026, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- SB1246 adds new sections to the Vehicle Code related to autonomous vehicles.
- The bill includes specific safety measures and strategies for the integration of autonomous vehicles into the transportation system.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure remote assistants are U.S.-based and licensed | Who: Autonomous vehicle operators | Penalty: Civil penalties for non-compliance
- Establish emergency response procedures and staffing ratios | Who: Autonomous vehicle operators | Penalty: Civil penalties for non-compliance

Industries Affected

Technology

Transportation

Automotive

Topics

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