

# HB3837 • Texas

Relating to the regulation of autonomous vehicles; creating a criminal offense.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 30, 2025): Left pending in committee

## Summary

This bill regulates autonomous vehicles in Texas, requiring permits for operation and establishing compliance requirements.

## Business Impact

If you operate autonomous vehicles in Texas, you must obtain a permit and comply with registration requirements or face a Class A misdemeanor.

## Key Provisions

- Requires registration of autonomous vehicles with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Mandates a permit for operating autonomous vehicles.
- Establishes requirements for vehicle owners regarding emergency service interactions.
- Defines key terms related to autonomous vehicles and automated driving systems.
- Prohibits local regulations that conflict with state laws on autonomous vehicle operation.

## Compliance Checklist

- Obtain a permit for operating an autonomous vehicle | Who: Vehicle owners and operators | Penalty: Class A misdemeanor for non-compliance
- Register the autonomous vehicle with the commission | Who: Permit holders | Penalty: Vehicle registration may be denied

## Industries Affected

Technology

Transportation

Law  
Enforcement

Automotive

Housing

Healthcare

## Topics

Autonomous Vehicles

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Coleman		Primary
Huberty		Primary
Geren		Primary
Bailes		Primary
Isaac		Primary
Sparks		Primary
Canales		Primary

## Official Source

<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=89R&Bill;=HB3837>

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