

## SAFE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE ACT

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 27, 2026): Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

### Summary

The SAFE Autonomous Vehicle Act allows manufacturers to operate autonomous vehicles under specific conditions, including insurance requirements, liability frameworks, and geographical boundaries. The bill specifies penalties for violations and is effective immediately.

### Business Impact

If you manufacture autonomous vehicles in Illinois, you must self-certify and notify the Secretary of State before commencing projects or face penalties.

### Key Provisions

- Manufacturers must notify the Secretary of State and self-certify under certain conditions such as compliance with safety standards and insurance coverage before commencing autonomous vehicle projects.
- Participating Fleets must be insured by the manufacturer, who assumes liability for incidents where the ADS technology is at fault.
- Individuals operating vehicles with ADS technology without meeting eligibility requirements face fines of \$10,000 for first violations and a Class A misdemeanor for subsequent violations.
- The bill preempts home rule powers, centralizing regulation at the state level.
- Manufacturers must maintain incident records and provide summaries to the Secretary of State and NHTSA.
- Vehicles in the Participating Fleet must comply with all applicable federal and state laws.
- The bill is effective immediately.

### Compliance Checklist

- Notify the Secretary of State and self-certify compliance before starting a project | Who: Motor Vehicle Manufacturers | Penalty: Potential fines for non-compliance

- Maintain incident records and provide summaries to the Secretary of State and NHTSA | Who: Participating Manufacturers | Penalty: Failure to comply may result in regulatory action

## Industries Affected

Technology

Transportation

Automotive

## Topics

AI in Insurance

Autonomous Vehicles

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## Related Bills

- HB2913 (IL)

## Official Source

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