

Autonomous Vehicles

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 30, 2019): Laid on Table, companion bill(s) passed, see CS/HB 311 (Ch. 2019-101)

Summary

This bill authorizes pilot programs for autonomous vehicles, requires annual reports to the Governor and Legislature, and includes provisions for teleoperation systems.

Business Impact

If you operate autonomous vehicles in Florida, you must comply with new regulations regarding their operation and reporting by the time the bill is enacted.

Key Provisions

- Authorizes pilot programs for innovative transportation technologies.
- Requires the Department of Transportation to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature.
- Exempts autonomous vehicles from certain display and communication regulations.
- Allows fully autonomous vehicles to operate without a human operator present.
- Includes provisions for teleoperation systems.
- Authorizes the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to enter into agreements for facilities related to autonomous technologies.
- Details exemptions for autonomous vehicles in the event of a crash.
- Addresses the future repeal of specified coverage requirements.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure compliance with new regulations for autonomous vehicle operation. | Who: Businesses operating autonomous vehicles in Florida. | Penalty: Potential fines or operational restrictions.
- Participate in pilot programs if applicable. | Who: Department of Transportation and relevant stakeholders. | Penalty: Non-compliance may affect eligibility for future programs.

Industries Affected

Automotive Technology

Transportation

Technology

Topics

Autonomous Vehicles

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Appropriations		Sponsor
Infrastructure and Security		Sponsor
Jeffrey Brandes	R	Sponsor

Amendments

- Senate Committee Amendment #624656 — 2019-03-19 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Committee Amendment #491470 — 2019-03-19 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Committee Amendment #773576 — 2019-03-19 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Committee Substitute Amendment #571094 Amendment (491470) — 2019-03-20 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Committee Amendment #177774 to Amendment (571094) — 2019-03-20 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Committee Amendment #837754 — 2019-03-20 (Not Adopted)

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