

# HB135 • Kentucky

AN ACT relating to autonomous vehicles.

Vetoed

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 10, 2023): Vetoed

## Summary

Establishes a regulatory framework for fully autonomous vehicles on Kentucky highways, including insurance, registration, and law enforcement interaction requirements.

## Business Impact

If you operate fully autonomous vehicles, you must comply with new registration and insurance requirements immediately.

## Key Provisions

- Create various sections of KRS Chapter 186 to establish a regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles.
- Require submission of a law enforcement interaction plan to the Transportation Cabinet.
- Establish the Transportation Cabinet as the sole regulatory authority.
- Prohibit local governments from enacting conflicting regulations (amend KRS 65.873).
- Consider the automated driving system as the operator of the vehicle (amend KRS 186.410).
- Exempt fully autonomous vehicles from certain equipment requirements (create a new section of KRS Chapter 189).
- Establish responsibility for accident reports and law enforcement notification (amend KRS 189.635).
- Define terms related to motor carriers (amend KRS 281.010).

## Compliance Checklist

- Submit a law enforcement interaction plan | Who: Operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Operational restrictions
- Ensure insurance coverage equivalent to personal/commercial vehicles | Who: Operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Operational restrictions

- Register and title autonomous vehicles | Who: Operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Operational restrictions

## Industries Affected

Automotive

Technology

Transportation

## Topics

AI in Insurance

Autonomous Vehicles

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Josh Bray	R	Sponsor
David Meade	R	Sponsor
Ken Upchurch	R	Sponsor

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2023-03-30	House: Third Reading RCS# 374	59	40	Passed
2023-03-30	Senate: Third Reading W/sfa2 RSN# 2767	21	16	Passed
2023-03-09	House: Suspend the Rules RCS# 197	92	0	Passed
2023-03-09	House: Third Reading RCS# 198	62	36	Passed

## Amendments

- House Committee Substitute — 0000-00-00 (Not Adopted)
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- House Floor Amendment — 0000-00-00 (Not Adopted)
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- Senate Floor Amendment — 0000-00-00 (Not Adopted)
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## Official Source

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<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/23RS/hb135.html>

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