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Provides that a person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle on the public roads of this state without a human driver provided that the automated driving system is engaged and the vehicle meets certain conditions; defines terms; requires insurance and that such vehicle is registered as a fully...

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Apr 09, 2023 | Last Action (Jul 22, 2024): enacting clause stricken

Summary

This bill allows fully autonomous vehicles to operate on public roads without a human driver, provided certain conditions are met, and permits cities with a population of five million or more to establish local rules for for-hire services.

Business Impact

If you operate a fully autonomous vehicle in New York, you must ensure it is registered and insured by the effective date or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Allows operation of fully autonomous vehicles without a human driver if the automated driving system is engaged.
- Requires vehicles to achieve a minimal risk condition in case of system failure.
- Mandates submission of a law enforcement interaction plan before operation.
- Establishes insurance requirements for fully autonomous vehicles.
- Specifies that fully autonomous vehicles must be registered and titled as such.
- Limits local regulations on the operation of fully autonomous vehicles, except in cities with a population of five million or more for for-hire services.
- Considers the automated driving system as the driver or operator for compliance with traffic laws.

Compliance Checklist

- Submit proof of insurance for the fully autonomous vehicle | Who: Vehicle operators | Penalty: Potential fines or inability to operate the vehicle
- Submit a law enforcement interaction plan | Who: Vehicle operators | Penalty: Potential fines or inability to operate the vehicle

Industries Affected

- Technology
- Transportation
- Automotive
- Finance

Topics

- AI in Insurance
- Autonomous Vehicles

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- A09705 (NY)
- A04901 (NY)
- S01012 (NY)
- S08468 (NY)
- S00344 (NY)

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