

A31 • New York

Relates to creating the health emergency response data system

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

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Summary

This bill regulates the testing and operation of autonomous vehicles in New York, ensuring safety and compliance with federal standards, and requires a human operator during testing.

Business Impact

If you manufacture or test autonomous vehicles in New York, you must comply with safety regulations and insurance requirements or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Defines 'autonomous technology' and 'autonomous vehicle'.
- Requires compliance with federal standards for autonomous vehicles.
- Mandates accessible means to engage/disengage autonomous technology.
- Establishes liability protections for manufacturers of converted vehicles, specific to third-party conversion defects.
- Requires insurance or surety bond for testing entities.
- Commissioner to report on autonomous vehicle operation and testing.
- Requires a human operator to be present during testing.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure autonomous vehicles comply with federal standards | Who: Manufacturers and operators | Penalty: Potential fines or operational restrictions
- Obtain necessary insurance or surety bond before testing | Who: Testing entities | Penalty: Prohibition from testing until compliance is met

Industries Affected

Topics

Autonomous Vehicles

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- A1037 (NY)
- S4912 (NY)
- A7391 (NY)
- A2643 (NY)

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