

HB 1871 -- AUTOMATED VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Johnson

This bill prohibits the operation of an automated motor vehicle on a highway while the vehicle is operating in automatic mode. However, a manufacturer of an automated motor vehicle is permitted to research or test an automated motor vehicle under the following conditions:

- (1) The manufacturer must submit proof that the vehicle is insured as provided by law;
- (2) The vehicle is operated by an employee, contractor, or other person designated or otherwise authorized by that manufacturer of automated technology;
- (3) An individual is present in the vehicle while it is being operated on a highway or street of this state and the individual has the ability to monitor the vehicle's performance and immediately take control of the vehicle's movements, if necessary; and
- (4) The individual operating the vehicle and any individual present in the vehicle are licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this country.

Anyone violating this section is subject to a fine not to exceed \$100. The bill also exempts a manufacturer of automatic technology from civil liability for damages that arise out of any modification made by another individual to a motor vehicle, an automated motor vehicle, or any automated technology. These provisions expire August 28, 2021.