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This bill allows the use of an automated driving system under certain conditions that do not require a human driver. Financial responsibility for any vehicles using an automated system must be provided to the Department of Revenue. The bill requires any automated system to function in the same manner as human drivers under state laws and specifications for their capabilities as specified in the bill. The owner of such an automated driving system vehicle must report an accident in the same manner as if they were driving a vehicle.

This bill allows any vehicle with an automated system to transport persons or goods for compensation and may be used for ride-sharing.

The bill contains a preemption clause prohibiting political subdivisions from imposing additional taxes and regulations on an automated driving system vehicle or transportation service as specified in the bill.

This bill is the same as SB 811 (2018).