

HB 2271 -- AUTOMATED VEHICLE SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

This bill allows the operation of an automated motor vehicle on the public highways, streets, bridges, and roads of this state. When an automated motor vehicle operates without a human operator the automated driving system is considered the driver or operator for purposes of any applicable state or local traffic or motor vehicle laws.

Before beginning research or testing of an automated motor vehicle the manufacturer of the automated driving system or upfitter performing the research or testing shall submit proof to the Department of Revenue that the vehicle is insured in an amount designated by the Department of Revenue.

The bill creates the "Automated Vehicle Safety Advisory Committee." The members of the committee are specified in the bill and include two members appointed by the Speaker of the House. The committee shall file a report and recommendations for statewide policy changes and updates that allows the public highways of this state to support the operation of an automated motor vehicle and driving system no later than December 31, 2018, and each year thereafter.

This bill specifies that the manufacturer of an automated motor vehicle is not liable for alleged damages resulting from any conversion, installation, or modification performed by another person.

The bill specifies that a subcomponent system producer is not liable in a product liability action for damages resulting from the modification of equipment installed by the producer unless the equipment defect that caused the damages was present when it was installed by the producer.

This bill specifies that a motor vehicle mechanic or repair facility that repairs an automated motor vehicle according to the manufacturer's specifications is not liable in a product liability action for damages resulting from the repairs.