

HOUSE BILL NO. 2240

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLANK.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 304.012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to autonomous vehicles, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.012, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 304.012 and 304.975, to read as follows:

304.012. 1. Every person operating a motor vehicle on the roads and highways of this state shall drive the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall exercise the highest degree of care.

2. **Each motor vehicle operated on the roads and highways of this state shall have present in the vehicle an appropriately endorsed driver who holds a valid driver's license and who maintains the ability to actively control the vehicle at all times.**

3. No person operating a motor vehicle on the roads and highways of this state shall perform stunt driving, as such term is defined in section 304.145.

~~[3-]~~ 4. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, unless an accident is involved then it shall be a class A misdemeanor.

304.975. 1. **The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Autonomous Vehicle Public Safety Act".**

2. **For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) **"Autonomous technology", technology installed on a motor vehicle that has the capability to drive the motor vehicle without the active control or monitoring of a human operator. The term does not include an active safety system for driver**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 assistance, including a system to provide electronic blind spot detection, crash
8 avoidance, emergency braking, parking assistance, adaptive cruise control, lane
9 keeping assistance, lane departure warning, or traffic jam and queuing assistance,
10 unless the system, alone or in combination with any other system, enables the vehicle on
11 which the system is installed to be driven without the active control or monitoring of a
12 human operator;

13 (2) "Autonomous vehicle", a motor vehicle equipped with autonomous
14 technology.

15 3. An autonomous vehicle shall not be registered in this state unless the
16 autonomous vehicle meets all state and federal standards and regulations applicable to a
17 motor vehicle.

18 4. An autonomous vehicle shall not be engaged in the transport of interstate
19 commerce or the transporting of goods or passengers, except for personal and
20 nonrevenue use, unless a human operator is physically present in the autonomous
21 vehicle and such person has the ability to monitor the autonomous vehicle's
22 performance and intervene if necessary, including operating or shutting off the
23 autonomous vehicle. Any human operator shall meet all federal and state licensing
24 requirements for both autonomous and nonautonomous vehicles.

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