

HB 2240 -- SELF-DRIVING CARS

SPONSOR: Plank

This bill establishes the "Autonomous Vehicle Public Safety Act" and defines the terms "Autonomous Technology" and "Autonomous Vehicle".

Under this bill, an autonomous vehicle may not be registered in this State unless the autonomous vehicle meets all State and Federal standards and regulations applicable to a motor vehicle. An autonomous vehicle must not engage in the transport of interstate commerce or of goods or passengers, except for personal and nonrevenue use, unless a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle and the person has the ability to monitor the autonomous vehicle's performance and intervene if necessary.

The bill specifies that every motor vehicle must have a human driver with an appropriate license who maintains the ability to actively control the vehicle at all times.