

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1541

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Senate

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4 Martinez of the House
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7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; allowing for
8 operation of fully autonomous vehicles; stating
9 conditions for operation; requiring submission of law
10 enforcement interaction plan prior to operation;
11 describing contents of plan; authorizing the
12 Department of Public Safety to promulgate certain
13 rules; requiring fully autonomous vehicles submit
14 proof of financial responsibility of a certain
15 amount; requiring vehicle to remain on the scene of
16 certain accidents; requiring owner report certain
17 accidents; allowing certain entities to operate on-
18 demand autonomous vehicle network; making certain
19 exception; requiring registration as an autonomous
20 vehicle; requiring proper titling; requiring titling
21 as an autonomous vehicle; allowing for operation of
22 certain autonomous vehicles under certain conditions;
23 allowing for human control of autonomous vehicles;
24 allowing for operation of fully autonomous commercial
vehicles; allowing fully autonomous vehicles certain
equipment exemptions; providing for exclusive
governance of fully autonomous vehicles and automated
driving systems; authorizing the promulgation of
rules; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-102, which
relates to persons exempt; stating that an automated
driving system is a licensed driver of the vehicle it
is installed upon; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section
1701, which relates to definitions; modifying
definitions; defining terms; amending 47 O.S. 2021,
Section 1702, which relates to state law preempting
county and municipal laws; updating statutory
language; providing for codification; and providing
an effective date.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1703 of Title 47, unless there
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. A person, as defined in Section 1701 of Title 47 of the
6 Oklahoma Statutes, may operate a fully autonomous vehicle on the
7 public roads of this state without a human driver provided that the
8 automated driving system is engaged and the vehicle meets the
9 following conditions:

10 1. If a failure of the automated driving system occurs that
11 renders that system unable to perform the entire dynamic driving
12 task relevant to its intended operational design domain, the fully
13 autonomous vehicle will achieve a minimal risk condition;

14 2. The fully autonomous vehicle is capable of operating in
15 compliance with the applicable traffic and motor vehicle safety laws
16 and regulations of this state, unless an exemption has been granted
17 by the Department of Public Safety or its designee; and

18 3. When required by federal law, the vehicle bears the required
19 manufacturer's certification label indicating that at the time of
20 its manufacture it has been certified to be in compliance with all
21 applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards including
22 reference to any exemption granted by the National Highway Traffic
23 Safety Administration.

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1 B. Prior to operating a fully autonomous vehicle on the public
2 roads of this state without a human driver, a person shall submit to
3 the Department of Public Safety a law enforcement interaction plan
4 that contains, but shall not be limited to, information that
5 describes:

6 1. How to communicate with a fleet support specialist who is
7 available during the times the vehicle is in operation;

8 2. How to safely remove the fully autonomous vehicle from the
9 roadway;

10 3. How to recognize whether the fully autonomous vehicle is in
11 autonomous mode and steps to safely tow the vehicle; and

12 4. Any additional information the manufacturer or owner deems
13 necessary regarding the hazardous conditions or public safety risks
14 associated with the operation of the fully autonomous vehicle.

15 C. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules regarding
16 the contents of the law enforcement interaction plan described in
17 subsection B of this section.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1704 of Title 47, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 Before operating a fully autonomous vehicle on public roads in
22 this state without a human driver, a person shall submit proof of
23 financial responsibility satisfactory to the Department of Public
24 Safety that the fully autonomous vehicle is covered by insurance or

1 proof of self-insurance of at least One Million Dollars
2 (\$1,000,000.00) which shall satisfy the requirements of the
3 Compulsory Insurance Law pursuant to Section 7-600 et seq. of Title
4 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1705 of Title 47, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 In the event of an accident:

9 1. The fully autonomous vehicle shall remain on the scene of
10 the accident when required by Section 10-107 or 10-108 of Title 47
11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, consistent with its capability under
12 Section 1 of this act; and

13 2. The owner of the fully autonomous vehicle, or a person on
14 behalf of the vehicle owner, shall report any accidents or
15 collisions consistent with Section 10-107 or 10-108 of Title 47 of
16 the Oklahoma Statutes.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1706 of Title 47, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 An on-demand autonomous vehicle network shall be permitted to
21 operate pursuant to state laws governing the operation of
22 transportation network companies, taxis, or any other ground
23 transportation for hire of passengers, with the exception that any
24 provision of the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Services

1 Act pursuant to Section 1010 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes that reasonably applies only to a human driver would not
3 apply to the operation of a fully autonomous vehicle with the
4 automated driving system engaged on an on-demand autonomous vehicle
5 network.

6 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1707 of Title 47, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly registered in
10 accordance with the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act
11 pursuant to Section 1101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
12 Statutes. If a fully autonomous vehicle is registered in this
13 state, the vehicle shall be identified on the registration as a
14 fully autonomous vehicle.

15 B. A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly titled in
16 accordance with the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.
17 If a fully autonomous vehicle is titled in this state, the vehicle
18 shall be identified on the title as a fully autonomous vehicle.

19 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1708 of Title 47, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A person may operate a motor vehicle equipped with an
23 automated driving system capable of performing the entire dynamic
24 driving task if:

1 1. Such automated driving system will issue a request to
2 intervene whenever the automated driving system is not capable of
3 performing the entire dynamic driving task with the expectation that
4 the person will respond appropriately to such a request; and

5 2. The automated driving system is capable of being operated in
6 compliance with Sections 11-101 through 11-1404 of Title 47 of the
7 Oklahoma Statutes unless an exemption has been granted by the
8 Department of Public Safety.

9 B. Nothing in this act prohibits or restricts a human driver
10 from operating a fully autonomous vehicle equipped with controls
11 that allow for the human driver to control all or part of the
12 dynamic driving task.

13 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1709 of Title 47, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A fully autonomous vehicle that is also a commercial motor
17 vehicle pursuant to Sections 161A through 230.34b of Title 47 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes may operate pursuant to state laws governing the
19 operation of commercial motor vehicles, except that any provision
20 that by its nature reasonably applies only to a human driver does
21 not apply to such a vehicle operating with the automated driving
22 system engaged.

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1 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1710 of Title 47, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A fully autonomous vehicle that is designed to be operated
5 exclusively by the automated driving system for all trips is not
6 subject to motor vehicle equipment laws or regulations of this state
7 that:

8 1. Relate to or support motor vehicle operation by a human
9 driver seated in the vehicle; and

10 2. Are not relevant for an automated driving system.

11 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1711 of Title 47, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 Unless otherwise provided in this title and notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law, fully autonomous vehicles and automated
16 driving systems are governed exclusively by this act. The
17 Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation are
18 authorized to promulgate administrative rules to implement the
19 provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-102, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 6-102. A. A nonresident who is sixteen (16) years of
23 age or older may operate a motor vehicle in this state as authorized
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1 by the class, restrictions, and endorsements specified on the
2 license, if the nonresident is:

3 1. Properly licensed in the home state or country to operate a
4 commercial or noncommercial motor vehicle and who has immediate
5 possession of a valid driver license issued by the home state or
6 country; or

7 2. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
8 spouse or dependent of such member who has been issued and is in
9 possession of a valid driver license issued by an overseas component
10 of the Armed Forces of the United States.

11 B. A resident who is at least fifteen (15) years of age may
12 operate a vehicle in this state without a driver license, if the
13 resident is:

14 1. Operating a vehicle pursuant to subsection B of Section 6-
15 105 of this title; or

16 2. Taking the driving skills examination as required by Section
17 6-110 of this title, when accompanied by a Driver License Examiner
18 of the Department of Public Safety or by a designated examiner
19 approved and certified by the Department.

20 C. Any person, while in the performance of official duties, may
21 operate any class of motor vehicle if the person possesses any class
22 of valid Oklahoma driver license or a valid driver license issued by
23 another state, if the person is:

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- 1 1. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on
2 active duty;
- 3 2. A member of the military reserves, not including United
4 States reserve ~~technician~~ technicians;
- 5 3. A member of the National Guard who is on active duty~~7~~
6 including National Guard military technicians;
- 7 4. A member of the National Guard who is on part-time National
8 Guard training~~7~~ including National Guard military technicians; or
- 9 5. A member of the United States Coast Guard who is on active
10 duty.

11 D. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to
12 adopt rules as may be necessary to enter into reciprocity agreements
13 with foreign countries. The rules shall specify that the driver
14 license standards of the foreign country shall be comparable to
15 those of this state. The rules shall also require foreign drivers,
16 who are operating a motor vehicle in Oklahoma under such a
17 reciprocity agreement, to comply with the compulsory motor vehicle
18 liability insurance and financial responsibility laws of this state.

19 E. When an automated driving system, as defined by Section 1701
20 of this title, installed on a motor vehicle is engaged, the
21 following shall apply:

22 1. The automated driving system is considered the driver or
23 operator, for the purpose of assessing compliance with applicable
24 traffic or motor vehicle laws, and shall be deemed to satisfy

1 electronically all physical acts required by a driver or operator of
2 the vehicle; and

3 2. The automated driving system is considered to be licensed to
4 operate the vehicle.

5 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1701, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1701. As used in this act:

8 A. ~~"Driving automation system"~~ "Automated driving system or
9 ADS" means hardware and software that are collectively capable of
10 performing ~~part of~~ the entire dynamic task on a sustained basis,
11 regardless of whether it is limited to a specific operational design
12 domain. ~~The term driving automation system is used generally to~~
13 ~~describe any system capable of level 1-5 driving automation, as~~
14 ~~specified in SAE International Recommended Practice J3016 including,~~
15 ~~but not limited to, core vehicle functions as listed in this~~
16 ~~section.~~

17 B. "Dynamic driving task" or "DDT" means all of the real-time
18 operational and tactical functions required to operate a vehicle in
19 on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such as trip
20 scheduling and selection of destinations and waypoints and including
21 without limitation:

22 1. Lateral vehicle motion control via steering;

23 2. Longitudinal vehicle motion control via acceleration and
24 deceleration;

- 1 3. Monitoring the driving environment via object and event
- 2 detection, recognition, classification and response preparation;
- 3 4. Object and event response execution;
- 4 5. Maneuver planning; and
- 5 6. Enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signaling and gesturing.

6 C. "DDT fallback" means the response by the person or human
7 driver to either perform the DDT or achieve a minimal risk condition
8 after occurrence of a DDT performance-relevant system failure(s) or
9 upon operation design domain exit, or the response by an automated
10 driving system to achieve minimal risk condition, given the same
11 circumstances.

12 D. "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle equipped
13 with an automated driving system designed to function without a
14 human driver as a level 4 or 5 system under SAE J3016B.

15 E. "Human driver" means a natural person in the vehicle with a
16 valid license to operate a motor vehicle who controls all or part of
17 the dynamic driving task.

18 F. "Minimal risk condition" means a condition to which a
19 person, human driver, or an ADS may bring a vehicle after performing
20 the DDT fallback in order to reduce the risk of a crash when a given
21 trip cannot or should not be completed.

22 G. "On-demand autonomous vehicle network" means a
23 transportation service network that uses a software application or
24 other digital means to dispatch or otherwise enable the

1 prearrangement of transportation with fully autonomous vehicles for
2 purposes of transporting passengers or goods including for-hire
3 transportation and transportation of passengers or goods for
4 compensation.

5 H. "Operational design domain" or "ODD" means operating
6 conditions under which a given automated driving system is
7 specifically designed to function including, but not limited to,
8 environmental, geographical, and time-of-day restrictions, and the
9 requisite presence or absence of certain traffic or roadway
10 characteristics.

11 I. "Person" means a natural person, corporation, business
12 trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company,
13 association, joint venture, governmental agency, public corporation,
14 or any other legal or commercial entity.

15 J. "Request to intervene" means notification by an automated
16 driving system to a human driver that the human driver should
17 promptly begin or resume performance of part or all of the dynamic
18 driving task.

19 K. "SAE J3016B" means the Taxonomy and Definitions for Terms
20 Related to Driving Automation Systems for On-Road Motor Vehicles
21 published by SAE International in June 2018.

22 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1702, is
23 amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1702. A. Only the State of Oklahoma may enact a law or
2 take any other action to regulate the operation of motor vehicles
3 equipped with ~~driving automation~~ automated driving systems in
4 Oklahoma.

5 B. Pursuant to subsection A of this section, the State of
6 Oklahoma:

7 1. Preempts the authority of a county or municipality to
8 prohibit, restrict or regulate the operation of motor vehicles
9 equipped with ~~driving automation~~ automated driving systems on the
10 basis of those vehicles being equipped with ~~driving automation~~
11 automated driving systems; and

12 2. Supersedes any existing law or ordinance of a county or
13 municipality that prohibits, restricts or regulates the testing or
14 operation of motor vehicles equipped with ~~driving automation~~
15 automated driving systems.

16 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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