

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota~~  
2 ~~Century Code, relating to the operation and regulation of autonomous vehicles.~~for an Act to  
3 provide for a department of transportation study.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 ~~SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~  
6 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

7 ~~Autonomous vehicles - Operation on highway.~~

8 ~~1. Unless authorized by the director, an individual may not operate an automated driving~~  
9 ~~system equipped vehicle on a highway in this state.~~

10 ~~2. The director shall adopt rules to regulate the integration and testing of automated~~  
11 ~~driving system equipped vehicles on the public highway system. The rules may not~~  
12 ~~regulate more than the licensing, registration, inspection, and insurance of automated~~  
13 ~~driving system equipped vehicles in this state. The rules may not govern the design,~~  
14 ~~performance, hardware, or software requirement of an automated driving system~~  
15 ~~equipped vehicle. The rules must provide:~~

16 ~~a. An automated driving system equipped vehicle may be tested on public highways~~  
17 ~~in this state; and~~

18 ~~b. Subject to applicable federal and state laws and regulations, an automated~~  
19 ~~driving system equipped vehicle may be operated on public highways in this~~  
20 ~~state.~~

21 ~~3. For purposes of this section, "automated driving system" means the hardware and~~  
22 ~~software collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a~~  
23 ~~sustained basis, regardless of whether the driving task is limited to a specific~~  
24 ~~operational design domain. This term specifically describes a level three, four, or five~~

~~driving automation system as defined by the United States department of  
transportation guidelines.~~

**SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY - REPORT TO**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The department of transportation, in collaboration and consultation with the autonomous vehicle technology industry, shall study the use of vehicles equipped with automated driving systems on the highways in this state and the data or information stored or gathered by the use of those vehicles. The study must include a review of current laws dealing with licensing, registration, insurance, data ownership and use, and inspection and how they should apply to vehicles equipped with automated driving systems. The department of transportation shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.