

Subject Commercial autonomous vehicles

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## Overview

This bill sets out requirements related to commercial autonomous vehicles, which include creating an advisory board, requiring a study of various impacts, establishing evaluation requirements as part of a permit process, and requiring a human safety operator in commercial autonomous vehicle operations. Effective the day after enactment.

## Summary

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1	<b>[Adds § 169.251] Commercial autonomous vehicle operations.</b>
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Establishes requirements for commercial autonomous vehicles.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms for the statute.

**Subd. 2. Operation limitations.** Prohibits operations of commercial autonomous vehicles until a required study and development of a permit process have been completed and an entity has been issued a permit by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

**Subd. 3. Permit process.** Directs MnDOT to develop a permit process for commercial autonomous vehicles that is based on the results of a required review and includes an evaluation of each permit applicant.

**Subd. 4. Advisory board; members.** Establishes a Commercial Autonomous Vehicle Operations Labor and Small Business Impact Advisory Board to evaluate permit applications for commercial autonomous vehicles. Specifies board membership and requires staffing by MnDOT.

**Subd. 5. Commercial autonomous vehicle operations study.** Directs the advisory board to arrange a third-party review of various impacts of commercial autonomous vehicle operations and its potential deployment. Specifies review content areas, directs public hearings, and requires a report by February 1, 2027,

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on the study and recommendations on commercial autonomous vehicle operations.

**Subd. 6. Permit applicant studies.** Directs the advisory board to evaluate applications for commercial autonomous vehicle operations prior to issuance of an operating permit. Specifies topics for evaluation. Provides for nonbinding recommendations by the advisory board to MnDOT on permit approval.

**Subd. 7. Human safety operator.** Sets requirements for a permit issued for commercial autonomous vehicle operations, which includes the presence of a human who is capable of taking control of the vehicle.

**Subd. 8. Severability.** Makes provisions held invalid by a court severable from remaining requirements in the statute that can be given effect.



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