

HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Introduced by

Representatives D. Ruby, Paur, Schobinger

Senators Laffen, Oban, Unruh

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.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

6 **Autonomous vehicles - Operation on highway.**

7 ~~— An individual may not operate or allow a vehicle using autonomous technology, as a means
8 to eliminate the human operator, to be operated on a highway without approval by the director.
9 The director shall adopt rules to regulate integration of advanced autonomous vehicle
10 technology into the public highway system.~~

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

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

19 a. An automated driving system equipped vehicle may be tested on public highways
20 in this state; and

21 b. Subject to applicable federal and state laws and regulations, an automated
22 driving system equipped vehicle may be operated on public highways in this
23 state.

1 3. For purposes of this section, "automated driving system" means the hardware and
2 software collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a
3 sustained basis, regardless of whether the driving task is limited to a specific
4 operational design domain. This term specifically describes a level three, four, or five
5 driving automation system as defined by the United States department of
6 transportation guidelines.