

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 driving automation system as defined by the United States department of
- 2 transportation guidelines.