

HB 1469

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to autonomous vehicle safety; amending  
s. 319.145, F.S.; requiring an autonomous vehicle  
registered in this state to comply with certain  
standards, regulations, and laws; prohibiting an  
autonomous vehicle from engaging in certain activities  
unless a licensed human operator is physically present  
in the vehicle; requiring such operator to comply with  
certain standards, regulations, and laws; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 319.145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

### 319.145 Autonomous vehicles.—

(1) An autonomous vehicle registered in this state must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) When required by federal law:

1. Have been certified in accordance with federal regulations in 49 C.F.R. part 567 as being in compliance with applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

2. Bear the required certification label or labels including reference to any exemption granted under applicable federal law.

26       (b) Be capable of being operated in compliance with the  
27 applicable traffic and motor vehicle laws of this state,  
28 regardless of whether the vehicle is operating with the  
29 automated driving system engaged.

30       (c) Comply with all federal motor vehicle standards,  
31 regulations, and laws.

32       (2) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "minimal risk  
33 condition" means a reasonably safe state, such as bringing the  
34 vehicle to a complete stop and activating the vehicle's hazard  
35 lamps.

36       (b) If the autonomous vehicle is not fully autonomous, the  
37 vehicle must have a system to safely alert a licensed human  
38 operator physically present in the vehicle if an automated  
39 driving system failure is detected while the automated driving  
40 system is engaged. When an alert is given, the system must  
41 require the licensed human operator to take control of the  
42 autonomous vehicle or must achieve a minimal risk condition. The  
43 term "minimal risk condition" means a reasonably safe state,  
44 such as bringing the vehicle to a complete stop and activating  
45 the vehicle's hazard lamps.

46       (c) (3) If the autonomous vehicle is fully autonomous, it  
47 must be able to achieve a minimal risk condition if a failure of  
48 the automated driving system occurs which renders that system  
49 unable to perform the entire dynamic driving task relevant to  
50 its intended operational design domain.

51        (3) (a) An autonomous vehicle may not engage in interstate  
52        commerce or transport passengers or goods for hire unless a  
53        licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle to  
54        monitor the vehicle's performance and take control of the  
55        vehicle if necessary.

56        (b) The licensed human operator must comply with all  
57        federal and state standards, regulations, and laws relating to  
58        autonomous vehicles and motor vehicles.

59        (4) Federal regulations adopted promulgated by the  
60        National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall supersede  
61        this section when found to be in conflict with this section.

62        **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.