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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/02/2026	6450	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation
03/23/2026	6875a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a natural person to be present when a

1.3 commercial motor vehicle is operated by an automated driving system; establishing

1.4 criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, by adding

1.5 subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 3b. Automated driving system. "Automated driving system" means hardware

1.10 and software that are collectively capable of performing all aspects of the dynamic driving

1.11 task for a vehicle on a part-time or full-time basis, described as levels 4 and 5 automation

1.12 in SAE International standard J3016, as revised in April 2021.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.14 read:

1.15 Subd. 24a. Dynamic driving task. (a) "Dynamic driving task" means all of the following

1.16 aspects of driving:

1.17 (1) operational aspects, including steering, braking, accelerating, and monitoring the

1.18 vehicle and the roadway; and

1.19 (2) tactical aspects, including responding to events, determining when to change lanes,

1.20 turning, using signals, and other related actions.

1.21 (b) Dynamic driving task does not include strategic aspects, including determining

1.22 destinations or way points of driving.

2.1 Sec. 3. [169.763] AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEMS IN COMMERCIAL MOTOR  
2.2 VEHICLES.

2.3 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "commercial motor vehicle"  
2.4 has the meaning provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 390.5.

2.5 Subd. 2. Restrictions. (a) A person must not use an automated driving system to perform  
2.6 the dynamic driving task in a commercial motor vehicle unless a natural person who is  
2.7 properly licensed to operate the vehicle:

2.8 (1) is physically present in the commercial motor vehicle;

2.9 (2) is seated in the driver's seat of the commercial motor vehicle;

2.10 (3) monitors the performance of the commercial motor vehicle while driving on the  
2.11 roadway; and

2.12 (4) intervenes, if necessary, to avoid illegal or unsafe driving of the commercial motor  
2.13 vehicle.

2.14 (b) The owner or lessor of a commercial motor vehicle operated in violation of this  
2.15 section is guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and a gross misdemeanor for any  
2.16 subsequent offense committed by the same owner or lessor regardless of whether the offense  
2.17 is committed with a different commercial motor vehicle owned or leased by the same person.  
2.18 The penalty for the second conviction for violating this section is \$2,000, and the penalty  
2.19 doubles for each subsequent conviction.

2.20 Subd. 3. Expiration. This section expires July 1, 2033.

2.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.