

1 WHEREAS, autonomous vehicles could reduce congestion and improve fuel
2 economy through better utilization of existing highway capacity and more efficient operation
3 of the vehicle's acceleration and braking controls.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
6 Development to begin studying and testing autonomous motor vehicles.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
8 Development, as part of its study, determine the need for statutory authority or the
9 promulgation of regulations regarding the operation of autonomous motor vehicles on
10 roadways within the state.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of
12 Transportation and Development shall submit a report to the House Committee on
13 Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation,
14 Highways and Public Works recommending legislation or regulatory action that may be
15 required for the safe use of autonomous vehicles prior to the final adjournment of the 2016
16 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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Urges and requests the DOTD to study and conduct testing of autonomous motor vehicles.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Clarified that "autonomous motor vehicle" means a vehicle equipped with technology that has the capability to drive the vehicle without any control or monitoring by a human operator.
2. Made a technical change.
3. Clarified that the Department of Transportation and Development should determine need for statutory authority or the promulgation of regulations regarding the operation of autonomous motor vehicles in the state.
4. Removed the list of recommended regulations to be promulgated by the department.