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## AN ACT

To amend title 49, United States Code, regarding the authority of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration over highly automated vehicles, to provide safety measures for such vehicles, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## **1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3     “Safely Ensuring Lives Future Deployment and Research  
4     In Vehicle Evolution Act” or the “SELF DRIVE Act”.  
5       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
6     this Act is as follows:

## Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

## Sec. 2. Purpose.

Sec. 3. NHTSA authority and State preemption for autonomous motor vehicles.

#### Sec. 4. Updated or new motor vehicle safety standards for highly automated vehicles.

## Sec. 5. Cybersecurity of automated driving systems.

## Sec. 6. General exemptions.

## Sec. 7. Motor vehicle testing or evaluation.

## Sec. 8. Information on highly automated driving systems made available to prospective buyers.

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#### Sec. 10. Rear seat occupant alert system.

## Sec. 11. Headlamps.

## Sec. 12. Privacy plan required for highly automated vehicles.

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## **7 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

8        The purpose of this Act is to memorialize the Federal  
9 role in ensuring the safety of highly automated vehicles  
10 as it relates to design, construction, and performance, by  
11 encouraging the testing and deployment of such vehicles.

12 SEC. 3. NHTSA AUTHORITY AND STATE PREEMPTION FOR  
13 AUTONOMOUS MOTOR VEHICLES.

14       Section 30103 of title 49, United States Code, is  
15 amended—

16                   (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
17                   lows:

18        “(b) PREEMPTION —

1           “(1) HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.—No  
2       State or political subdivision of a State may main-  
3       tain, enforce, prescribe, or continue in effect any law  
4       or regulation regarding the design, construction, or  
5       performance of highly automated vehicles, auto-  
6       mated driving systems, or components of automated  
7       driving systems unless such law or regulation is  
8       identical to a standard prescribed under this chap-  
9       ter.

10          “(2) MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARD.—When a  
11       motor vehicle safety standard is in effect under this  
12       chapter, a State or political subdivision of a State  
13       may prescribe or continue in effect a standard appli-  
14       cable to the same aspect of performance of a motor  
15       vehicle or motor vehicle equipment only if the stand-  
16       ard is identical to the standard prescribed under this  
17       chapter.

18          “(3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

19           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this sub-  
20       section may be construed to prohibit a State or  
21       a political subdivision of a State from maintain-  
22       ing, enforcing, prescribing, or continuing in ef-  
23       fect any law or regulation regarding registra-  
24       tion, licensing, driving education and training,  
25       insurance, law enforcement, crash investiga-

1           tions, safety and emissions inspections, conges-  
2           tion management of vehicles on the street within  
3           a State or political subdivision of a State, or  
4           traffic unless the law or regulation is an unre-  
5           asonable restriction on the design, construction,  
6           or performance of highly automated vehicles,  
7           automated driving systems, or components of  
8           automated driving systems.

9           “(B) MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS.—Nothing  
10          in this subsection may be construed to prohibit  
11          a State or political subdivision of a State from  
12          maintaining, enforcing, prescribing, or con-  
13          tinuing in effect any law or regulation regard-  
14          ing the sale, distribution, repair, or service of  
15          highly automated vehicles, automated driving  
16          systems, or components of automated driving  
17          systems by a dealer, manufacturer, or dis-  
18          tributor.

19           “(C) CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW.—  
20          Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
21          preempt, restrict, or limit a State or political  
22          subdivision of a State from acting in accordance  
23          with any other Federal law.

24           “(4) HIGHER PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT.—  
25          However, the United States Government, a State, or

1 a political subdivision of a State may prescribe a  
2 standard for a motor vehicle, motor vehicle equip-  
3 ment, highly automated vehicle, or automated driv-  
4 ing system obtained for its own use that imposes a  
5 higher performance requirement than that required  
6 by the otherwise applicable standard under this  
7 chapter.

8               “(5) STATE ENFORCEMENT.—A State may en-  
9               force a standard that is identical to a standard pre-  
10          scribed under this chapter.”; and

11                   (2) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
12               lows:

13        "(e) COMMON LAW LIABILITY.—

14       “(1) IN GENERAL.—Compliance with a motor  
15       vehicle safety standard prescribed under this chapter  
16       does not exempt a person from liability at common  
17       law.

18               “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
19       this section shall be construed to preempt common  
20       law claims.”.

**21 SEC. 4. UPDATED OR NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STAND-  
22 ARDS FOR HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of subtitle VI of title  
24 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
25 tion 30128 the following new section:

**3        "(a) SAFETY ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION.—**

“(1) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue a final rule requiring the submission of safety assessment certifications regarding how safety is being addressed by each entity developing a highly automated vehicle or an automated driving system. Such rule shall include—

12               “(A) a specification of which entities are  
13 required to submit such certifications;

14                   “(B) a clear description of the relevant test  
15                   results, data, and other contents required to be  
16                   submitted by such entity, in order to dem-  
17                   onstrate that such entity’s vehicles are likely to  
18                   maintain safety, and function as intended and  
19                   contain fail safe features, to be included in such  
20                   certifications; and

“(C) a specification of the circumstances under which such certifications are required to be updated or resubmitted.

“(2) INTERIM REQUIREMENT.—Until the final rule issued under paragraph (1) takes effect, safety assessment letters shall be submitted to the National

1       Highway Traffic Safety Administration as con-  
2       templated by the Federal Automated Vehicles Policy  
3       issued in September 2016, or any successor guid-  
4       ance issued on highly automated vehicles requiring a  
5       safety assessment letter.

6           “(3) PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATING.—Not  
7       later than 5 years after the date on which the final  
8       rule is issued under paragraph (1), and not less fre-  
9       quently than every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary  
10      shall—

11           “(A) review such rule; and  
12           “(B) update such rule if the Secretary con-  
13       siders it necessary.

14           “(4) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

15           “(A) NO CONDITIONS ON DEPLOYMENT.—  
16       Nothing in this subsection may be construed to  
17       limit or affect the Secretary’s authority under  
18       any other provision of law. The Secretary may  
19       not condition deployment or testing of highly  
20       automated vehicles on review of safety assess-  
21       ment certifications.

22           “(B) NO NEW AUTHORITIES.—No new au-  
23       thorities are granted to the Secretary under  
24       this section other than the promulgation of the  
25       rule pursuant to paragraph (1).

1                 “(5) REVIEW AND RESEARCH.—To accommo-  
2         date the development and deployment of highly auto-  
3         mated vehicles and to ensure the safety and security  
4         of highly automated vehicles and motor vehicles and  
5         others that will share the roads with highly auto-  
6         mated vehicles, not later than 180 days after the  
7         date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
8         shall—

9                 “(A) initiate or continue a review of the  
10         Federal motor vehicle safety standards in effect  
11         on such date of enactment; and

12                 “(B) initiate or continue research regard-  
13         ing new Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

14         “(b) RULEMAKING AND SAFETY PRIORITY PLAN.—  
15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
16         the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary  
17         shall make available to the public and submit to the  
18         Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
19         of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
20         Science, and Transportation of the Senate a rule-  
21         making and safety priority plan, as necessary to ac-  
22         commodate the development and deployment of high-  
23         ly automated vehicles and to ensure the safety and  
24         security of highly automated vehicles and motor ve-

1       hicles and others that will share the roads with high-  
2       ly automated vehicles, to—

3               “(A) update the motor vehicle safety  
4       standards in effect on such date of enactment;

5               “(B) issue new motor vehicle safety stand-  
6       ards; and

7               “(C) consider how objective ranges in per-  
8       formance standards could be used to test motor  
9       vehicle safety standards, which safety standards  
10      would be appropriate for such testing, and  
11      whether additional authority would facilitate  
12      such testing.

13       “(2) INCLUSION OF PRIORITIES.—

14               “(A) PRIORITIES.—The plan required by  
15       paragraph (1) shall detail the overall priorities  
16       of the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin-  
17       istration for the 5 years following the issuance  
18       of the plan, including both priorities with re-  
19       spect to highly automated vehicles and priorities  
20       with respect to other safety initiatives of the  
21       Administration, in order to meet the Nation’s  
22       motor vehicle safety challenges.

23               “(B) IDENTIFICATION OF ELEMENTS THAT  
24       MAY REQUIRE STANDARDS.—For highly auto-  
25       mated vehicles, the National Highway Traffic

1           Safety Administration should identify elements  
2           that may require performance standards includ-  
3           ing human machine interface, sensors, and ac-  
4           tuators, and consider process and procedure  
5           standards for software and cybersecurity as  
6           necessary.

7           “(3) PERIODIC UPDATING.—The plan required  
8           by paragraph (1) shall be updated every 2 years, or  
9           more frequently if the Secretary considers it nec-  
10          essary.

11          “(4) RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS ON UPDATED  
12          OR NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.—

13           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18  
14           months after the date of enactment of this sec-  
15           tion, the Secretary shall initiate the first rule-  
16           making proceeding in accordance with the rule-  
17           making and safety priority plan required by  
18           paragraph (1).

19           “(B) PRIORITIZATION OF SUBSEQUENT  
20          PROCEEDINGS.—The Secretary shall continue  
21          initiating rulemaking proceedings in accordance  
22          with such plan. The Secretary may change at  
23          any time those priorities to address matters the  
24          Secretary considers of greater priority. If the  
25          Secretary makes such a change, the Secretary

1           shall complete an interim update of the priority  
2           plan, make such update available to the public,  
3           and submit such update to the Committee on  
4           Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
5           resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
6           Science, and Transportation of the Senate.”.

7           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
8       ter 301 of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, is  
9       amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
10      30128 the following new item:

“30129. Updated or new motor vehicle safety standards for highly auto-  
mated vehicles.”.

11 **SEC. 5. CYBERSECURITY OF AUTOMATED DRIVING SYS-  
12           TEMS.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of subtitle VI of title  
14      49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
15      tion 30129 (as added by section 4) the following new sec-  
16      tion:

17      **“§ 30130. Cybersecurity of automated driving systems**  
18           “(a) CYBERSECURITY PLAN.—A manufacturer may  
19       not sell, offer for sale, introduce or deliver for introduction  
20       into commerce, or import into the United States, any high-  
21       ly automated vehicle, vehicle that performs partial driving  
22       automation, or automated driving system unless such  
23       manufacturer has developed a cybersecurity plan that in-  
24       cludes the following:

1           “(1) A written cybersecurity policy with respect  
2       to the practices of the manufacturer for detecting  
3       and responding to cyber attacks, unauthorized intru-  
4       sions, and false and spurious messages or vehicle  
5       control commands. This policy shall include—

6           “(A) a process for identifying, assessing,  
7       and mitigating reasonably foreseeable  
8       vulnerabilities from cyber attacks or unauthor-  
9       ized intrusions, including false and spurious  
10      messages and malicious vehicle control com-  
11      mands; and

12           “(B) a process for taking preventive and  
13      corrective action to mitigate against  
14      vulnerabilities in a highly automated vehicle or  
15      a vehicle that performs partial driving automa-  
16      tion, including incident response plans, intru-  
17      sion detection and prevention systems that safe-  
18      guard key controls, systems, and procedures  
19      through testing or monitoring, and updates to  
20      such process based on changed circumstances.

21           “(2) The identification of an officer or other in-  
22      dividual of the manufacturer as the point of contact  
23      with responsibility for the management of cybersecu-  
24      rity.

1           “(3) A process for limiting access to automated  
2       driving systems.

3           “(4) A process for employee training and super-  
4       vision for implementation and maintenance of the  
5       policies and procedures required by this section, in-  
6       cluding controls on employee access to automated  
7       driving systems.

8           “(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take ef-  
9       fect 180 days after the date of enactment of this section.”.

10          (b) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—Section  
11       30165(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended  
12       by inserting “30130,” after “30127.”.

13          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
14       ter 301 of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, is  
15       amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
16       30129 (as added by section 4) the following new item:

“30130. Cybersecurity of automated driving systems.”.

17 **SEC. 6. GENERAL EXEMPTIONS.**

18          Section 30113 of title 49, United States Code, is  
19       amended—

20           (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B)—

21              (A) in clause (iii), by striking “; or” and  
22       inserting a semicolon;

23              (B) in clause (iv), by striking the period at  
24       the end and inserting “; or”; and

25              (C) by adding at the end the following:

1               “(v) the exemption would make easier the devel-  
2 opment or field evaluation of—

3               “(I) a feature of a highly automated vehi-  
4 cle providing a safety level at least equal to the  
5 safety level of the standard for which exemption  
6 is sought; or

7               “(II) a highly automated vehicle providing  
8 an overall safety level at least equal to the over-  
9 all safety level of nonexempt vehicles.”;

10              (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12              “(5) if the application is made under subsection  
13 (b)(3)(B)(v) of this section—

14              “(A) such development, testing, and other  
15 data necessary to demonstrate that the motor  
16 vehicle is a highly automated vehicle; and

17              “(B) a detailed analysis that includes sup-  
18 porting test data, including both on-road and  
19 validation and testing data showing (as applica-  
20 ble) that—

21              “(i) the safety level of the feature at  
22 least equals the safety level of the standard  
23 for which exemption is sought; or

1                         “(ii) the vehicle provides an overall  
2                         safety level at least equal to the overall  
3                         safety level of nonexempt vehicles.”;

4                         (3) in subsection (d), by striking “A manufac-  
5                         turer is eligible” and all that follows and inserting  
6                         the following:

7                         “(1) ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUBSECTION  
8                         (b)(3)(B)(i).—A manufacturer is eligible for an ex-  
9                         emption under subsection (b)(3)(B)(i) of this section  
10                         (including an exemption under subsection  
11                         (b)(3)(B)(i) relating to a bumper standard referred  
12                         to in subsection (b)(1)) only if the Secretary deter-  
13                         mines that the manufacturer’s total motor vehicle  
14                         production in the most recent year of production is  
15                         not more than 10,000.

16                         “(2) ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUBSECTION  
17                         (b)(3)(B)(iii).—A manufacturer is eligible for an ex-  
18                         emption under subsection (b)(3)(B)(iii) of this sec-  
19                         tion only if the Secretary determines the exemption  
20                         is for not more than 2,500 vehicles to be sold in the  
21                         United States in any 12-month period.

22                         “(3) ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUBSECTION  
23                         (b)(3)(B)(ii), (iv), or (v).—A manufacturer is eligi-  
24                         ble for an exemption under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ii),  
25                         (iv), or (v) of this section only if the Secretary deter-

1       mines the exemption is for not more than 100,000  
2       vehicles per manufacturer to be sold, leased, or oth-  
3       erwise introduced into commerce in the United  
4       States in any 12-month period.

5                 “(4) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF VEHICLES  
6       EXEMPTED.—All exemptions granted to a manufac-  
7       turer under subsections (b)(3)(B)(i) through (v)  
8       shall not exceed a total of (i) 25,000 vehicles manu-  
9       factured within the first 12-month period, (ii)  
10      50,000 vehicles manufactured within the second 12-  
11      month period, (iii) 100,000 vehicles manufactured  
12      within the third 12-month period, and, (iv) 100,000  
13      vehicles manufactured within the fourth 12-month  
14      period. Any renewals under subsections (b)(3)(B)(i)  
15      through (v) shall not exceed a total of 100,000 vehi-  
16      cles manufactured within a 12-month period.”;

17                 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “An exemption  
18       or renewal” and all that follows and inserting the  
19       following:

20                 “(1) EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION  
21       (b)(3)(B)(i).—An exemption or renewal under sub-  
22       section (b)(3)(B)(i) of this section may be granted  
23       for not more than 3 years.

24                 “(2) EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION  
25       (b)(3)(B)(iii).—An exemption or renewal under sub-

1       section (b)(3)(B)(iii) this section may be granted for  
2       not more than 2 years.

3                 “(3) EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION  
4       (b)(3)(B)(ii), (iv), or (v).—An exemption or renewal  
5       under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ii), (iv), or (v) of this  
6       section may be granted for not more than 4 years.”;  
7       and

8                 (5) by adding at the end the following:

9                 “(i) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS.—No ex-  
10     emption from crashworthiness standards of motor vehicle  
11      safety standards shall be granted under subsection  
12      (b)(3)(B)(v) until the Secretary issues the safety assess-  
13      ment certification rule pursuant to section 30129(a) and  
14      the rulemaking and safety priority plan pursuant to sec-  
15      tion 30129(b) and one year has passed from the date by  
16      which the Secretary has issued both such rule and such  
17      plan. This subsection shall not apply to exemptions from  
18      occupant protection standards if the exemption is for a  
19      vehicle that will not carry its operator or passengers. This  
20      subsection shall not apply to exemptions from crash-  
21      worthiness standards if the exemption sought is for a  
22      standard addressing the steering control system and it is  
23      for a vehicle that—

24                 “(1) will not have a steering control system;

1           “(2) provides impact protection to an occupant  
2       in the front left seat at a level at least equal to the  
3       level provided in nonexempt vehicles; and

4           “(3) provides a safety level at least equal to the  
5       safety level of the standard for which the exemption  
6       is sought.

7       “(j) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—A manufacturer  
8       granted an exemption under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ii), (iv),  
9       or (v), shall provide information about all crashes of which  
10      it has actual knowledge involving such exempted vehicles,  
11      regardless of whether a claim is submitted to the manufac-  
12      turer, in accordance with part 579 of title 49, Code of  
13      Federal Regulations.

14       “(k) PROCESS AND ANALYSIS.—

15           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
16       after the date of enactment of this subsection, the  
17       Secretary of Transportation shall publish in the  
18       Federal Register a notice that details the process  
19       and analysis used for the consideration of exemption  
20       or renewal applications under subsection  
21       (b)(3)(B)(v).

22           “(2) PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATING.—The  
23       notice required by paragraph (1) shall be reviewed  
24       every 5 years and updated if the Secretary considers  
25       it necessary.

1       “(l) EXEMPTION DATABASE.—

2           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
3       lish a publicly available and searchable electronic  
4       database of each motor vehicle for which an excep-  
5       tion from motor vehicle safety standards prescribed  
6       under this chapter or a bumper standard prescribed  
7       under chapter 325 has been granted.

8           “(2) VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—The  
9       database established under paragraph (1) shall be  
10      searchable by Vehicle Identification Number and  
11      shall include no information identifying the vehicle  
12      owner.”.

13 **SEC. 7. MOTOR VEHICLE TESTING OR EVALUATION.**

14       Section 30112(b)(10) of title 49, United States Code,  
15      is amended—

16           (1) by striking “that prior to the date of enact-  
17       ment of this paragraph”;

18           (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “motor ve-  
19       hicles into the United States that are certified” and  
20       inserting “into the United States motor vehicles that  
21       are certified, or motor vehicle equipment utilized in  
22       a motor vehicle that is certified,”;

23           (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period  
24       at the end and inserting “; or”;

1                             (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through  
2                             (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and  
3                             moving their margins 2 ems to the right;

4                             (5) by striking “evaluation by a manufacturer  
5                             that agrees not to sell or offer for sale” and insert-  
6                             ing the following: “evaluation by—

7                             “(A) a manufacturer that agrees not to sell  
8                             or lease or offer for sale or lease”; and

9                             (6) by adding at the end the following:

10                             “(B) a manufacturer of highly automated  
11                             vehicles, automated driving systems, or compo-  
12                             nents of automated driving systems that agrees  
13                             not to sell or lease or offer for sale or lease the  
14                             highly automated vehicles, automated driving  
15                             systems, or components of automated driving  
16                             systems at the conclusion of the testing or eval-  
17                             uation and—

18                             “(i) has submitted to the Secretary—

19                                 “(I) the name of the individual,  
20                             partnership, corporation, or institu-  
21                             tion of higher education and a point  
22                             of contact;

23                             “(II) the residence address of the  
24                             individual, partnership, corporation,

1                   or institution of higher education and  
2                   State of incorporation if applicable;

3                   “(III) a description of each type  
4                   of motor vehicle used during develop-  
5                   ment of highly automated vehicles,  
6                   automated driving systems, or compo-  
7                   nents of automated driving systems  
8                   manufactured by the individual, part-  
9                   nership, corporation, or institution of  
10                  higher education; and

11                  “(IV) proof of insurance for any  
12                  State in which the individual, partner-  
13                  ship, corporation, or institution of  
14                  higher education intends to test or  
15                  evaluate highly automated vehicles;  
16                  and

17                  “(ii) if applicable, has identified an  
18                  agent for service of process in accordance  
19                  with part 551 of title 49, Code of Federal  
20                  Regulations.”.

21   **SEC. 8. INFORMATION ON HIGHLY AUTOMATED DRIVING**  
22                   **SYSTEMS MADE AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTIVE**  
23                   **BUYERS.**

24    (a) RESEARCH.—Not later than 3 years after the  
25    date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation shall complete research to determine the most effec-  
2 tive method and terminology for informing consumers for  
3 each highly automated vehicle or a vehicle that performs  
4 partial driving automation about the capabilities and limi-  
5 tations of that vehicle. The Secretary shall determine  
6 whether such information is based upon or includes the  
7 terminology as defined by SAE International in Rec-  
8 ommended Practice Report J3016 (published September  
9 2016) or whether such description should include alter-  
10 native terminology.

11 (b) RULEMAKING.—After the completion of the study  
12 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall initiate  
13 a rulemaking proceeding to require manufacturers to in-  
14 form consumers of the capabilities and limitations of a ve-  
15 hicle’s driving automation system or feature for any highly  
16 automated vehicle or any vehicle that performs partial  
17 driving automation.

18 **SEC. 9. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of  
20 appropriations, not later than 6 months after the date of  
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation  
22 shall establish in the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-  
23 ministration a Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Council  
24 (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”).

1       (b) MEMBERSHIP.—Members of the Council shall in-  
2 clude a diverse group representative of business, academia  
3 and independent researchers, State and local authorities,  
4 safety and consumer advocates, engineers, labor organiza-  
5 tions, environmental experts, a representative of the Na-  
6 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and other  
7 members determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.  
8 Any subcommittee of the Council shall be composed of not  
9 less than 15 and not more than 30 members appointed  
10 by the Secretary.

11       (c) TERMS.—Members of the Council shall be ap-  
12 pointed by the Secretary of Transportation and shall serve  
13 for a term of three years.

14       (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-  
15 bership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner  
16 as the original appointment for the position being vacated.  
17 The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining  
18 members to execute the duties of the Council.

19       (e) DUTIES AND SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Council  
20 may form subcommittees as needed to undertake informa-  
21 tion gathering activities, develop technical advice, and  
22 present best practices or recommendations to the Sec-  
23 retary regarding—

24               (1) advancing mobility access for the disabled  
25               community with respect to the deployment of auto-

1           mated driving systems to identify impediments to  
2           their use and ensure an awareness of the needs of  
3           the disabled community as these vehicles are being  
4           designed for distribution in commerce;

5           (2) mobility access for senior citizens and popu-  
6           lations underserved by traditional public transpor-  
7           tation services and educational outreach efforts with  
8           respect to the testing and distribution of highly  
9           automated vehicles in commerce;

10          (3) cybersecurity for the testing, deployment,  
11          and updating of automated driving systems with re-  
12          spect to supply chain risk management, interactions  
13          with Information Sharing and Analysis Centers and  
14          Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations,  
15          and a framework for identifying and implementing  
16          recalls of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment;

17          (4) the development of a framework that allows  
18          manufacturers of highly automated vehicles to share  
19          with each other and the National Highway Traffic  
20          Safety Administration relevant, situational informa-  
21          tion related to any testing or deployment event on  
22          public streets resulting or that reasonably could have  
23          resulted in damage to the vehicle or any occupant  
24          thereof and validation of such vehicles in a manner  
25          that does not risk public disclosure of such informa-

1       tion or disclosure of confidential business informa-  
2       tion;

3               (5) labor and employment issues that may be  
4       affected by the deployment of highly automated vehi-  
5       cles;

6               (6) the environmental impacts of the deploy-  
7       ment of highly automated vehicles, and the develop-  
8       ment and deployment of alternative fuel infrastruc-  
9       ture alongside the development and deployment of  
10      highly automated vehicles;

11               (7) protection of consumer privacy and security  
12       of information collected by highly automated vehi-  
13       cles;

14               (8) cabin safety for highly automated vehicle  
15       passengers, and how automated driving systems may  
16       impact collision vectors, overall crashworthiness, and  
17       the use and placement of airbags, seatbelts, anchor  
18       belts, head restraints, and other protective features  
19       in the cabin;

20               (9) the testing and deployment of highly auto-  
21       mated vehicles and automated driving systems in  
22       areas that are rural, remote, mountainous, insular,  
23       or unmapped to evaluate operational limitations  
24       caused by natural geographical or man-made fea-  
25       tures, or adverse weather conditions, and to enhance

1       the safety and reliability of highly automated vehicles  
2       and automated driving systems used in such areas with such features or conditions; and

4           (10) independent verification and validation procedures for highly automated vehicles that may be useful to safeguard motor vehicle safety.

7       (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The recommendations of the Council shall also be reported to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

12       (g) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The establishment and operation of the Council and any subcommittees of the Council shall conform to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

17       (h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—On request of the Council, the Secretary shall provide such technical assistance to the Council as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out the Council's duties.

21       (i) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—On the request of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the Department of Transportation to the Council to assist the Council in carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not in-

1    terrupt or otherwise affect the civil service status or privi-  
2    leges of the Federal employee.

3       (j) PAYMENT AND EXPENSES.—Members of the  
4    Council shall serve without pay, except travel and per diem  
5    will be paid each member for meetings called by the Sec-  
6    retary.

7       (k) TERMINATION.—The Council and any sub-  
8    committees of the Council shall terminate 6 years after  
9    the date of enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 10. REAR SEAT OCCUPANT ALERT SYSTEM.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of subtitle VI of title  
12    49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
13    tion 30130 (as added by section 5) the following new sec-  
14    tion:

15 **“§ 30131. Rear seat occupant alert system**

16       “(a) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than 2  
17    years after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-  
18    retary shall issue a final rule requiring all new passenger  
19    motor vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds gross ve-  
20    hicle weight to be equipped with an alarm system to alert  
21    the operator to check rear designated seating positions  
22    after the vehicle motor or engine is deactivated by the op-  
23    erator.

24       “(b) PHASE-IN.—The rule issued pursuant to sub-  
25    section (a) shall require full compliance with the rule be-

1 ginning on September 1st of the calendar year that begins  
2 2 years after the date on which the final rule is issued.

3 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

4 “(1) the term ‘passenger motor vehicle’ has the  
5 meaning given that term in section 32101; and

6 “(2) the term ‘rear designated seating position’  
7 means any designated seating position that is rear-  
8 ward of the front seat.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
10 ter 301 of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, is  
11 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
12 30130 (as added by section 5) the following new item:

“30131. Rear seat occupant alert system.”.

13 **SEC. 11. HEADLAMPS.**

14 (a) SAFETY RESEARCH INITIATIVE.—Not later than  
15 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
16 retary of Transportation shall complete research into the  
17 development of updated motor vehicle safety standards or  
18 performance requirements for motor vehicle headlamps  
19 that would improve the performance of headlamps and im-  
20 prove overall safety.

21 (b) RULEMAKING OR REPORT.—

22 (1) RULEMAKING.—After the completion of the  
23 research required by subsection (a), the Secretary  
24 shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to revise the  
25 motor vehicle safety standards regarding headlamps

1 if the Secretary determines that a revision of the  
2 standards meets the requirements and consider-  
3 ations set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of section  
4 30111 of title 49, United States Code.

5 (2) REPORT.—If the Secretary determines that  
6 a revision to the standard described in paragraph  
7 (1) does not meet the requirements and consider-  
8 ations set forth in such subsections, the Secretary  
9 shall submit a report describing the reasons for not  
10 revising the standard to the Committee on Energy  
11 and Commerce of the House of Representatives and  
12 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
13 portation of the Senate.

14 **SEC. 12. PRIVACY PLAN REQUIRED FOR HIGHLY AUTO-  
15 MATED VEHICLES.**

16 (a) PRIVACY PLAN.—A manufacturer may not sell,  
17 offer for sale, introduce or deliver for introduction in inter-  
18 state commerce, or import into the United States, any  
19 highly automated vehicle, vehicle that performs partial  
20 driving automation, or automated driving system unless  
21 the manufacturer has developed a privacy plan that in-  
22 cludes the following:

23 (1) A written privacy plan with respect to the  
24 collection, use, sharing, and storage of information  
25 about vehicle owners or occupants collected by a

1       highly automated vehicle, vehicle that performs par-  
2       tial driving automation, or automated driving sys-  
3       tem. Such policy shall include the following:

4                     (A) The practices of the manufacturer with  
5       respect to the way that information about vehi-  
6       cle owners or occupants is collected, used,  
7       shared, or stored.

8                     (B) The practices of the manufacturer  
9       with respect to the choices offered to vehicle  
10      owners or occupants regarding the collection,  
11      use, sharing, and storage of such information.

12                    (C) The practices of the manufacturer with  
13       respect to the data minimization, de-identifica-  
14       tion, and retention of information about vehicle  
15       owners or occupants.

16                    (D) The practices of the manufacturer  
17       with respect to extending its privacy plan to the  
18       entities it shares such information with.

19                   (2) A method for providing notice to vehicle  
20       owners or occupants about the privacy policy.

21                   (3) If information about vehicle owners or occu-  
22       pants is altered or combined so that the information  
23       can no longer reasonably be linked to the highly  
24       automated vehicle, vehicle that performs partial driv-  
25       ing automation, or automated driving system from

1 which the information is retrieved, the vehicle owner,  
2 or occupants, the manufacturer is not required to in-  
3 clude the process or practices regarding that infor-  
4 mation in the privacy policy.

5 (4) If information about an occupant is  
6 anonymized or encrypted the manufacturer is not re-  
7 quired to include the process or practices regarding  
8 that information in the privacy policy.

9 (b) STUDY.—The Federal Trade Commission shall  
10 conduct a study and submit a report to the Committee  
11 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives  
12 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
13 tation of the Senate on the highly automated vehicle mar-  
14 ketplace, including an examination of the following issues:

15 (1) Which entities in the ecosystem have access  
16 to vehicle owner or occupant data.

17 (2) Which entities in the highly automated vehi-  
18 cle marketplace have privacy plans.

19 (3) What are the terms and disclosures made in  
20 such privacy plans, including regarding the collec-  
21 tion, use, sharing, and storage of vehicle owner or  
22 occupant data.

23 (4) What disclosures are made to consumers  
24 about such privacy plans.

1                         (5) What methods are available to enable dele-  
2                         tion of information about vehicle owners or occu-  
3                         pants from any data storage system within the vehi-  
4                         cle (other than a system that is critical to the safety  
5                         or operation of the vehicle) before the vehicle is sold,  
6                         leased, or rented, or otherwise occupied by a new  
7                         owner or occupant.

8                         (c) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT.—  
9                         A violation of subsection (a) shall be treated as a an unfair  
10                         or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of section  
11                         5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.  
12                         45(a)(1)). The Federal Trade Commission shall enforce  
13                         this section in the same manner, by the same means, and  
14                         with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though  
15                         all applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade  
16                         Commission Act were incorporated into and made a part  
17                         of this Act.

18                         (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
19                         180 days after the date of enactment of this section and  
20                         shall only apply to highly automated vehicles, vehicles that  
21                         perform partial driving automation, or automated driving  
22                         systems first introduced after the effective date of this sec-  
23                         tion.

1 **SEC. 13. DEFINITIONS.**

2 (a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES

3 CODE.—Section 30102 of title 49, United States Code,

4 is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (13) as paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5),  
7 (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (15), (16), and  
8 (17), respectively;

9 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so  
10 redesignated) the following:

11 “(1) ‘automated driving system’ means the hardware and software that are collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a sustained basis, regardless of whether such system is limited to a specific operational design domain.”;

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) (as so  
13 redesignated) the following:

14 “(6) ‘dynamic driving task’ means all of the real time operational and tactical functions required  
15 to operate a vehicle in on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such as trip scheduling and selection of destinations and waypoints, and including—

16 (A) lateral vehicle motion control via  
17 steering;

1               “(B) longitudinal vehicle motion control  
2               via acceleration and deceleration;

3               “(C) monitoring the driving environment  
4               via object and event detection, recognition, clas-  
5               sification, and response preparation;

6               “(D) object and event response execution;

7               “(E) maneuver planning; and

8               “(F) enhancing conspicuity via lighting,  
9               signaling, and gesturing.

10              “(7) ‘highly automated vehicle’—

11              “(A) means a motor vehicle equipped with  
12              an automated driving system; and

13              “(B) does not include a commercial motor  
14              vehicle (as defined in section 31101).”;

15              (D) by inserting after paragraph (13) (as  
16              so redesignated) the following:

17              “(14) ‘operational design domain’ means the  
18              specific conditions under which a given driving auto-  
19              mation system or feature thereof is designed to func-  
20              tion.”; and

21              (E) by adding at the end the following:

22              “(18) ‘vehicle that performs partial driving au-  
23              tomation’ does not include a commercial motor vehi-  
24              cle (as defined in section 31101).”; and

25              (2) by adding at the end the following:

1       “(c) REVISIONS TO CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.—

2           “(1) If SAE International (or its successor or-  
3           ganization) revises the definition of any of the terms  
4           defined in paragraph (1), (6), or (14) of subsection  
5           (a) in Recommended Practice Report J3016, it shall  
6           notify the Secretary of the revision. The Secretary  
7           shall publish a notice in the Federal Register to in-  
8           form the public of the new definition unless, within  
9           90 days after receiving notice of the new definition  
10          and after opening a period for public comment on  
11          the new definition, the Secretary notifies SAE Inter-  
12          national (or its successor organization) that the Sec-  
13          retary has determined that the new definition does  
14          not meet the need for motor vehicle safety, or is oth-  
15          erwise inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter.  
16          If the Secretary so notifies SAE International (or its  
17          successor organization), the existing definition in  
18          subsection (a) shall remain in effect.

19           “(2) If the Secretary does not reject a defini-  
20          tion revised by SAE International (or its successor  
21          organization) as described in paragraph (1), the Sec-  
22          retary shall promptly make any conforming amend-  
23          ments to the regulations and standards of the Sec-  
24          retary that are necessary. The revised definition  
25          shall apply for purposes of this chapter. The require-

1       ments of section 553 of title 5 shall not apply to the  
2       making of any such conforming amendments.

3               “(3) Pursuant to section 553 of title 5, the Sec-  
4       etary may update any of the definitions in para-  
5       graph (1), (6), or (14) of subsection (a) if the Sec-  
6       etary determines that materially changed cir-  
7       cumstances regarding highly automated vehicles  
8       have impacted motor vehicle safety such that the  
9       definitions need to be updated to reflect such cir-  
10      cumstances.”.

11               (b) DEFINITIONS IN THIS ACT.—As used in this  
12      Act—

13               (1) the term “automated driving system” has  
14       the meaning given such term in subsection (a) of  
15       section 30102 of title 49, United States Code, sub-  
16       ject to any revisions made to the definition of such  
17       term pursuant to subsection (c) of such section;

18               (2) the term “highly automated vehicle” has the  
19       meaning given such term in subsection (a) of section  
20       30102 of title 49, United States Code, not subject  
21       to any revision under subsection (c) of such section;  
22       and

23               (3) the term “vehicle that performs partial driv-  
24       ing automation” has the meaning given such term in  
25       subsection (a) of section 30102 of title 49, United

1 States Code, not subject to any revision under sub-  
2 section (c) of such section.

Passed the House of Representatives September 6,  
2017.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*