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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to automated motor vehicles, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 304.165, to read as
3 follows:

**304.165. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms shall mean:**

(1) "Automated motor vehicle", a motor vehicle on
4 which automated technology has been installed that enables
5 the motor vehicle to be operated in automatic mode;

(2) "Automated technology", technology installed on a
7 motor vehicle which has the capability to make decisions for
8 or replace an operator. "Automated technology" shall not
9 include active safety systems or operator assistance
10 systems, including but not limited to systems providing
11 electronic blind-spot assistance, crash avoidance, emergency
12 braking, parking assistance, adaptive cruise control, lane
13 keeping assistance, lane departure warning, or traffic jam
14 or queuing assistance, unless one or more of these
15 technologies alone or in combination with other systems
16 enable the vehicle on which the technology is installed to
17 operate in automatic mode;

18 (3) "Automatic mode", a mode of operating an automated
19 motor vehicle where the vehicle is operated without
20 continuous control and monitoring by an operator occupying
21 the driver's seat of the vehicle.

22 2. The operation of an automated motor vehicle on a
23 highway or street in this state shall be subject to the laws
24 and regulations applicable to a conventional human driver
25 and conventional motor vehicle of the same classification.

26 3. No automated motor vehicle shall be operated in
27 automatic mode on a highway or street in this state unless a
28 person is occupying the driver's seat of the vehicle who:

29 (1) Is authorized pursuant to chapter 302 to operate
30 the motor vehicle;

31 (2) Is trained in the operation of the automated motor
32 vehicle; and

33 (3) Has the ability to monitor the automated motor
34 vehicle's performance and immediately take control of the
35 vehicle's movements if necessary.

36 4. A person occupying the driver's seat of an
37 automated motor vehicle being operated in automatic mode
38 shall be deemed to be operating the vehicle for purposes of
39 enforcing the laws and regulations applicable to drivers and
40 motor vehicles, including but not limited to chapter 302.

41 5. Where an automated motor vehicle is operated
42 without a person occupying the driver's seat of the vehicle,
43 this section shall impose strict liability on the owner of
44 the automated motor vehicle for a violation of subsection 3
45 of this section, and the owner shall be subject to a fine
46 not to exceed one thousand dollars. Where, in accordance
47 with subsection 6 of this section, an owner-lessor of an
48 automated motor vehicle operated without a person occupying
49 the driver's seat of the vehicle furnishes the name,

50 address, and operator's license number of the person renting
51 or leasing the vehicle at the time the violation occurred,
52 this section shall impose strict liability on the person
53 renting or leasing the vehicle at the time of the violation
54 for a violation of subsection 3 of this section, and the
55 person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand
56 dollars.

57 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to
58 the contrary, an owner-lessor of an automated motor vehicle
59 operated without a person occupying the driver's seat of the
60 vehicle shall not be subject to the penalty established
61 under subsection 5 of this section, provided that the owner-
62 lessor, within three working days from the time of receipt
63 of written request for such information, furnishes the name,
64 address, and operator's license number of the person renting
65 or leasing the vehicle at the time the violation occurred.
66 Any registered owner-lessor who fails or refuses to provide
67 such information within the period required by this
68 subsection shall be subject to the penalty established under
69 subsection 5 of this section.

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