

House Resolution 1371

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Code Revisions for Autonomous Vehicles; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, autonomous vehicles have the capability to drive without any controlling or
4 monitoring by a human operator; and

5 WHEREAS, there is an increasing prevalence of such autonomous vehicles in use in this
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, most of the existing Code provisions applicable to vehicles in this state were
8 created for human operated vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, current legal frameworks may need to be updated to ensure public safety and
10 to clarify legal standards applicable to autonomous vehicles; and

11 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to undertake a comprehensive review of the Code
12 provisions applicable to vehicles in order to evaluate the applicability of such provisions to
13 autonomous vehicles and to make recommendations for Code revisions and updates to ensure
14 the safe operation of autonomous vehicles in this state, including, but not limited to,

15 clarifying and modernizing definitions and provisions applicable to autonomous vehicles; a
16 review of traffic laws and regulatory standards, including evaluating how to ensure
17 compliance with such laws and standards with respect to autonomous vehicles; a review of
18 safety standards and oversight of autonomous vehicles; and an evaluation of civil and
19 criminal liability standards, including the assignment of fault when an autonomous vehicle
20 is involved in a violation, offense, collision, or other incident.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

22 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
23 on Code Revisions for Autonomous Vehicles.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the
25 House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the
26 members of the committee, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House
27 Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House
28 Committee on Motor Vehicles, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House
29 Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, and one of whom shall be the
30 chairperson of the House Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation. The
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also designate one such member as
32 chairperson.

33 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
34 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
35 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

36 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
37 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
38 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
39 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

40 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
41 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
42 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
43 member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized.
44 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
45 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

46 (6) **Report.**

47 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
48 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
49 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
50 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

51 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
52 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
53 of this paragraph.

54 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
55 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
56 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
57 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

58 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
59 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
60 thereof.

61 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.