

## An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Safety of Autonomous Vehicles

*Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:*

SECTION 1: Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 19L the following new section:

Section 19M. An autonomous vehicle registered in this state must continue to meet federal standards and regulations for a motor vehicle. The vehicle shall not be engaged in the transport of interstate commerce or the transporting of passengers, or the transporting of goods unless a human safety operator is physically present in the autonomous vehicle such that they have the ability to monitor the performance of the vehicle and intervene if necessary, including but not limited to operating or shutting off the vehicle. A human safety operator must continue to meet all state and federal qualifications for automated and non-automated vehicles.

SECTION 2: The provisions of this law are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this law or an application thereof shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or application adjudged invalid and such clause, sentence, paragraph, section or application shall be reformed and construed so that it would be valid to the maximum extent permitted.

*The following registered voters subscribe to the above initiative petition:*

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