

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 3026  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;  
1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Seliger	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Blanco	X		
1-12	Hancock	X		
1-13	Hinojosa	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Perry	X		
1-16	West	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the operation and regulation of certain automated motor  
1-20 vehicles.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 545.452, Transportation  
1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 545.452. EXCLUSIVE REGULATION OF AUTOMATED MOTOR  
1-25 VEHICLES AND AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEMS [~~SUBCHAPTER AND DEPARTMENT~~  
1-26 ~~GOVERN EXCLUSIVELY~~].

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 545.452(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-28 amended to read as follows:

1-29 (a) Unless otherwise provided by this subchapter, automated  
1-30 motor vehicles, including any commercial use or operation of  
1-31 automated motor vehicles, and automated driving systems [~~the~~  
1-32 ~~following~~] are governed exclusively by:

1-33 (1) this subchapter; and

1-34 (2) Section 547.618 [~~+~~

1-35 [~~(1) automated motor vehicles, including any~~  
1-36 ~~commercial use or operation of automated motor vehicles, and~~

1-37 [~~(2) automated driving systems~~].

1-38 SECTION 3. Subchapter K, Chapter 547, Transportation Code,  
1-39 is amended by adding Section 547.618 to read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 547.618. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATED  
1-41 MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "automated motor vehicle" and  
1-42 "automated driving system" have the meanings assigned by Section  
1-43 545.451.

1-44 (b) An automated motor vehicle that is designed to be  
1-45 operated exclusively by the automated driving system for all trips  
1-46 is not subject to motor vehicle equipment laws or regulations of  
1-47 this state that:

1-48 (1) relate to or support motor vehicle operation by a  
1-49 human driver; and

1-50 (2) are not relevant for an automated driving system.

1-51 (c) If a vehicle safety inspection is required under this  
1-52 code for the operation of a vehicle described by Subsection (b), the  
1-53 vehicle shall automatically be considered to pass the inspection  
1-54 with respect to any equipment:

1-55 (1) the requirements from which the vehicle is exempt  
1-56 under Subsection (b); or

1-57 (2) the inspection of which is not required under  
1-58 Section 548.051.

1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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