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SENATE DRS45302-ML-159 (03/13)

Short Title: Study/Autonomous Vehicles.-AB

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Sponsors: Senators Meredith, Rabon, and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STUDY HOW TO
IMPLEMENT AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY ON THE ROADS AND
HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Definition. – The term "autonomous vehicle technology" means technology that is installed on a motor vehicle and that has the capability to drive the motor vehicle without the active control or monitoring of a human operator.

SECTION 2. Study. – The Division of Motor Vehicles, in collaboration with other interested stakeholders identified by the Division, shall study how to implement autonomous vehicle technology on the roads and highways of this State. In conducting the study under this act, the Division shall consider all of the following:

- (1) The measures necessary to successfully implement autonomous vehicle technology, including any legislative changes.
- (2) Complications or liabilities that could arise by allowing autonomous vehicle technology.
- (3) How autonomous vehicle technology can promote research and development in this State.
- (4) Any other matters the Division deems relevant.

SECTION 3. Report. – The Department shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than February 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

