

23 Section 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1226 of the
24 vehicle and traffic law, the New York state commissioner of motor vehi-
25 cles may approve demonstrations and tests consisting of the operation of
26 a motor vehicle equipped with autonomous vehicle technology while such
27 motor vehicle is engaged in the use of such technology on public high-
28 ways within this state for the purposes of demonstrating and assessing
29 the current development of autonomous vehicle technology and to begin
30 identifying potential impacts of such technology on safety, traffic
31 control, traffic enforcement, emergency services, and such other areas
32 as may be identified by such commissioner. Provided, however, that such
33 demonstrations and tests shall only take place under the direct super-
34 vision of the New York state police. Such demonstrations and tests shall
35 take place in a manner and form prescribed by the commissioner of motor
36 vehicles including, but not limited to: a requirement that a natural
37 person holding a valid license for the operation of the motor vehicle's
38 class be present within such vehicle for the duration of the time it is
39 operated on public highways; a requirement that the motor vehicle
40 utilized in such demonstrations and tests complies with all applicable
41 federal motor vehicle safety standards and New York state motor vehicle
42 inspection standards; and a requirement that the motor vehicle utilized
43 in such demonstrations and tests has in place, at a minimum, financial
44 security in the amount of five million dollars. Nothing in this act
45 shall authorize the motor vehicle utilized in such demonstrations and
46 tests to operate in violation of article 22 or title 7 of the vehicle
47 and traffic law, excluding section 1226 of such law.

48 b. For the purposes of this act, the term "autonomous vehicle technol-
49 ogy" shall mean the hardware and software that are collectively capable
50 of performing part or all of the dynamic driving task on a sustained
51 basis, and the term "dynamic driving task" shall mean all of the real-
52 time operational and tactical functions required to operate a vehicle in
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1 on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such as trip schedul-
2 ing and selection of destinations and waypoints.

3 § 2. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall, in consultation with
4 the superintendent of state police, submit a report to the governor, the
5 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the
6 chairs of the senate and assembly transportation committees on the
7 demonstrations and tests authorized by section one of this act. Such
8 report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the param-
9 eters and purpose of such demonstrations and tests, the location or
10 locations where demonstrations and tests were conducted, the demon-
11 strations' and tests' impacts on safety, traffic control, traffic
12 enforcement, emergency services, and such other areas as may be identi-
13 fied by such commissioner. Such commissioner shall submit such report on
14 or before June 1, 2018.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2017; provided, however, that
16 section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1,
17 2018.