



Current State of U.S. Autonomous Vehicle Public Policy

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Laws, Regulations and Legislation

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION

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(this information changes frequently)

Laws and Regulations

Number of jurisdictions with AV-related laws	10
Number of jurisdictions with AV-related regulations	2
Legislative and Regulatory Activity	
Number of jurisdictions with legislative activity	22
Number of bills introduced this legislative session	73
Bill activity by status:	
Pending	38
Enacted	10
Failed	24
Sent to Governor	1
Number of jurisdictions with pending regulations	2

AV Public Policy Issues

EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES ADDRESSED IN AV LAWS, REGULATIONS LEGISLATION

Examples of Public Safety Issues

Whether AVs may be operated for testing purposes only	Whether autonomous vehicle registration is required
Whether express agency permission is required for AV operations	Whether AVs must have a steering wheel, throttle and brakes
Whether AV drivers must have special qualifications	Whether in-vehicle system status indicators are required
Whether AV drivers must have special credentials	Whether AVs must have special markings
Whether drivers are required to be present in autonomous vehicles	Whether AVs are expressly required to comply with traffic laws

Examples of Other Types of Issues

Insurance and Risk Mitigation	Whether proof of financial responsibility is required and in what amount(s) Whether immunity from liability is available, to whom and for what
Data Collection, Reporting, Access and Use	Whether and to what degree AV data must be collected and reported What information disclosures must be provided and to whom Whether AV data privacy must be protected
Preemption	Whether and to what degree federal laws supersede state laws Whether and to what degree state laws supersede local laws
Terminology	The language of autonomous vehicle laws varies widely; a common set of terms has yet to develop

AV Public Policy Goals

