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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT establishing the New York state autonomous vehicle task force

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 1. The department of transportation is hereby authorized to establish the New York state autonomous vehicle task force to provide the governor and the legislature with information on autonomous vehicle usage on the roads located within the state of New York. For purposes of this act, an autonomous vehicle, also known as a self-driving car, shall mean an unmanned vehicle that is capable of sensing its environment and navigating without human interaction.

2. The task force shall be comprised of:

a. two members appointed by the governor;

b. two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

c. two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

d. one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

e. one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; and

f. two members appointed by the commissioner of the department of transportation.

3. The task force shall:

a. study the amount of current autonomous vehicle usage on roads located within the state of New York;

b. determine how different regions within the state of New York compare to each other in terms of overall usage;

c. compare such vehicle usage results with similar data compiled in other states; and

d. study any other issue such task force deems relevant.

4. Such task force shall collaborate with state and city of New York agencies including, but not limited to, the department of motor vehicles and the New York city department of transportation.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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5. The department of transportation shall submit a report, on or before January 1, 2027, to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations, and legislative and regulatory proposals deemed necessary to implement such recommendations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.