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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rodriguez)  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to direct a study and report on the testing and operation of  
autonomous vehicles on public highways

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     Section 1. Autonomous vehicle committee. (a) There is hereby created  
2     the autonomous vehicle committee which shall guide the enactment of an  
3     autonomous vehicle study to assess the future of autonomous vehicle  
4     technology. For purposes of this act, "autonomous vehicle" shall mean a  
5     motor vehicle that has the capability to drive the vehicle without the  
6     active control or monitoring of a human operator.  
7     (b) The autonomous vehicle committee shall consist of at least eight  
8     members:  
9     (1) The executive deputy commissioner of the department of motor vehicles,  
10    or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair;  
11    (2) A representative of the autonomous vehicle industry who shall be  
12    appointed by the temporary president of the senate;  
13    (3) A representative of highway user groups who shall be appointed by  
14    the governor;  
15    (4) A representative of regional transportation agencies who shall be  
16    appointed by the speaker of the assembly;  
17    (5) The chair of the assembly transportation committee, or his or her  
18    designee;  
19    (6) The chair of the senate transportation committee, or his or her  
20    designee;  
21    (7) A representative of the civic community who shall be appointed by  
22    the governor;  
23    (8) A representative of transit advocates who shall be appointed by  
24    the governor; and  
25    (9) Any other stakeholders identified by the department of motor vehicles.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (c) The autonomous vehicle committee shall study how to support the  
2 testing and operation of autonomous vehicles on public highways. It  
3 shall take all of the following into consideration:

4 (1) The measures necessary to successfully implement autonomous vehi-  
5 cles, including any legislative changes.

6 (2) Difficulties and liabilities that could arise by allowing auton-  
7 omous vehicles on public highways.

8 (3) How autonomous vehicle technology can promote research and devel-  
9 opment in this state.

10 (4) Any other issue the committee deems relevant.

11 S 2. Report. (a) On or before January 1, 2019, the committee shall  
12 report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legisla-  
13 ture. Such report shall include recommendations and such legislative  
14 proposals as shall be deemed necessary.

15 (b) Prior to the completion of such report, the commissioner of the  
16 department of transportation and the executive deputy commissioner of  
17 the department of motor vehicles are authorized and directed to take  
18 such actions as are necessary to support the testing and operation of  
19 autonomous vehicles on public highways.

20 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.