

# HB560 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Department of Transportation may issue a permit to authorize an applicant to operate a vehicle whose weight, width, length, or height, or combination thereof, exceeds the statutory maximum limits.

This bill would provide that if an oversized vehicle is otherwise required to be permitted due to its weight, width, length, or height, the vehicle may not be operated by an automated driving system.

This bill would also provide that the statutory authorization for the operation of ADS-equipped vehicles does not impose any legal duty to upgrade any part of the state or local transportation network to accommodate such ADS-equipped vehicles.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to add Section 32-9C-12 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide restrictions on the use of oversized or overweight vehicles operated by automated driving systems; and to amend Section 32-9C-6, Code of Alabama



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29 1975, to further provide for the relation of ADS-equipped  
30 vehicles to other laws and requirements.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Section 32-9C-12 is added to Chapter 9C of  
33 Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

34 §32-9C-12

35 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the  
36 contrary, the use of ADS-equipped vehicles and automated  
37 driving systems is prohibited if the operation of the vehicle  
38 otherwise requires a permit pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter  
39 9, relating to the movement of oversized vehicles or loads.

40 Section 2. Section 32-9C-6, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
41 amended to read as follows:

42 "§32-9C-6

43 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or in  
44 Chapter 9B and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
45 operation of ADS-equipped vehicles and automated driving  
46 systems is governed exclusively by this chapter.

47 (b) No state or local entity may impose requirements,  
48 including performance standards, specific to the operation of  
49 ADS-equipped vehicles, automated driving systems, or automated  
50 commercial motor vehicles as defined in Section 32-9B-1,  
51 except as specifically authorized by this chapter. Nothing in  
52 this section shall be construed to repeal or in any way modify  
53 Section 32-9-29.

54 (c) No municipality or other local or state entity may  
55 impose a tax on, or impose requirements on ADS-equipped  
56 vehicles or automated driving systems, where the tax or other



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57 requirement relates specifically to the operation of  
58 ADS-equipped vehicles.

59 (d) Nothing in this chapter creates a legal duty or  
60 otherwise requires the state or any county or municipality to  
61 upgrade any part of its transportation network to accommodate  
62 the operation of ADS-equipped vehicles or automated driving  
63 systems."

64 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
65 1, 2026.