

## SB222 INTRODUCED



1 SB222  
2 XD964Z7-1  
3 By Senator Allen  
4 RFD: Transportation and Energy  
5 First Read: 29-Jan-26



## 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



## SB222 INTRODUCED

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

§32-9C-12

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

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

"§32-9C-6

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

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

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



## SB222 INTRODUCED

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

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

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