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3 By Senator Allen
4 RFD: Transportation and Energy
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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to motor vehicles; to add Section 32-9C-12 to
26 the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide restrictions on the use
27 of oversized or overweight vehicles operated by automated
28 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.