

§ 20-403. Fully Autonomous Vehicle Committee.

(a) Committee Established. – There is hereby created a Fully Autonomous Vehicle Committee within the Department of Transportation.

(b) Membership. – The following persons shall serve on the Committee:

- (1) Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee.
- (2) The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee.
- (3) The Commissioner of Insurance, or the Commissioner's designee.
- (4) A representative of the Highway Patrol, designated by the Commander.
- (5) A representative of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, designated by its Executive Director.
- (6) A representative of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, designated by its President.
- (7) A representative of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center, designated by the Director.
- (8) At least two representatives from the autonomous vehicle industry, designated by the Secretary of Transportation.
- (9) A representative of the Attorney General's Office, designated by the Attorney General, who is familiar with motor vehicle law.
- (10) A representative of local law enforcement, designated by the Secretary of Transportation.
- (11) A representative of the trucking industry, designated by the North Carolina Trucking Association.
- (12) A planner from an urban area, designated by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
- (13) A planner from a rural area, designated by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.
- (14) Two members of the North Carolina Senate, designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (15) Two members of the North Carolina House of Representatives, designated by the Speaker of the House.

(c) Duties. – The Committee shall meet regularly, and at a minimum four times a year, to consider matters relevant to fully autonomous vehicle technology, review State motor vehicle law as they relate to the deployment of fully autonomous vehicles onto the State highway system and municipal streets, make recommendations concerning the testing of fully autonomous vehicles, identify and make recommendations for Department of Transportation traffic rules and ordinances, and make recommendations to the General Assembly on any needed changes to State law.

(d) Staff. – The Department of Transportation shall provide staff and meeting space, from reasonably available resources, to the Committee. (2017-166, s. 1.)