

P.L. 2019, Joint Resolution No. 2, *approved March 18, 2019*  
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 164 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing the “New Jersey Advanced  
 2 Autonomous Vehicle Task Force.”

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 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
 5 of New Jersey:

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 7 1. a. There is established a task force to be known as <sup>1</sup>the<sup>1</sup>  
 8 “New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force.” The  
 9 purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a study of advanced  
 10 autonomous vehicles and to make recommendations on laws, rules,  
 11 and regulations that this State may enact <sup>1</sup>or adopt<sup>1</sup> to safely  
 12 integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on the State’s highways,  
 13 streets, and roads.

14 b. The task force shall consist of <sup>1</sup>[7] <sup>2</sup>[eight<sup>1</sup>] 11<sup>2</sup> members  
 15 as follows:

16 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, who shall serve ex  
 17 officio, or the commissioner’s designee;

18 (2) the Chief Administrator of the <sup>1</sup>New Jersey<sup>1</sup> Motor Vehicle  
 19 Commission, who shall serve ex officio, or the chief administrator’s  
 20 designee;

21 (3) the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the  
 22 Department of Law and Public Safety, who shall serve ex officio, or  
 23 the director’s designee;

24 (4) <sup>1</sup>[two] <sup>2</sup>[three<sup>1</sup>] a commissioner of the Board of Public  
 25 Utilities, selected by the Governor, who shall serve ex officio, or  
 26 that commissioner’s designee;

27 (5) five<sup>2</sup> public members, who shall be appointed by the  
 28 Governor, one with an expertise in highway <sup>1</sup>[transportation]  
 29 traffic<sup>1</sup> safety <sup>1</sup>[and] <sup>1</sup>, one with an expertise in autonomous  
 30 vehicle technology <sup>2</sup>, one with an expertise in automotive  
 31 manufacturing, one who is licensed in this State as a professional  
 32 engineer pursuant to P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-27 et seq.)<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>, and  
 33 one, who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the  
 34 recommendation of the Commissioner of the Department of  
 35 Banking and Insurance, with an expertise in automobile insurance<sup>1</sup>;

36 <sup>2</sup>[5] (6)<sup>2</sup> one public member appointed by the Governor upon  
 37 the recommendation of the President of the Senate, with an  
 38 expertise in highway <sup>1</sup>[transportation] traffic<sup>1</sup> safety; and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted October 22, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Senate STR committee amendments adopted January 17, 2019.

1       <sup>2</sup>[(6)] (7)<sup>2</sup> one public member appointed by the Governor upon  
2 the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, with  
3 an expertise in autonomous vehicle technology<sup>2</sup>];<sup>2</sup>

4       c. Within 90 days after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
5 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>[a majority of]<sup>1</sup> the  
6 task force's authorized membership shall be appointed and the task  
7 force shall hold its initial meeting. The task force shall organize  
8 upon the appointment of a majority of its authorized membership  
9 and shall elect a chair from among its members. The members of  
10 the task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the task  
11 force. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
12 original appointment. The task force members shall serve without  
13 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
14 incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent that funds  
15 are available for that purpose.

16       d. Not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the task  
17 force, the task force shall issue a report to the Governor and,  
18 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the  
19 Legislature, which shall include, but not be limited to<sup>2</sup>];<sup>2</sup> an  
20 evaluation of <sup>2</sup>[the National Highway <sup>1</sup>[Transportation] Traffic<sup>1</sup>  
21 Safety Administration's safety standards for advanced autonomous  
22 vehicles and whether <sup>1</sup>[this] the<sup>1</sup> State <sup>1</sup>[may] should<sup>1</sup> enact  
23 stricter safety standards,] existing State laws that may unreasonably  
24 impede the testing and operation of autonomous vehicles on public  
25 roads in this State;<sup>2</sup> an evaluation of existing state and federal law  
26 concerning advanced autonomous vehicles with a focus on <sup>2</sup>[safety  
27 standards,] licensing, registration, insurance, liability, law  
28 enforcement and accident reporting, land use, road and  
29 infrastructure design, public transit, and workforce changes;  
30 recommendations for implementing advanced autonomous vehicle  
31 pilot programs to promote the safe testing and operation of  
32 advanced autonomous vehicles on public roads in this State;<sup>2</sup> an  
33 evaluation of existing legislation and regulations in other states  
34 concerning advanced autonomous vehicles <sup>2</sup>[with a focus on safety  
35 standards,];<sup>2</sup> recommendations on how this State could safely  
36 integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on its highways, streets,  
37 and roads<sup>2</sup>];<sup>2</sup> any other information relevant to the subject of the  
38 report<sup>2</sup>];<sup>2</sup> and any draft legislation the task force deems  
39 appropriate to implement the purposes of P.L. , c. (C. )  
40 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>2</sup>, which shall be  
41 consistent with federal law, regulations, and policy guidance<sup>2</sup>.

42       e. The task force shall be entitled to the assistance and services  
43 of the employees of any State board, bureau, commission, or agency  
44 as it may require, and as may be available to it for these purposes  
45 including, but not limited to, stenographic and clerical assistants

1 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available  
2 to it for its purposes.

3 f. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission <sup>2</sup>[and]<sub>2</sub> the  
4 Department of Transportation<sup>2</sup>, and the Alan M. Voorhees  
5 Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State University of New  
6 Jersey<sup>2</sup> shall assist the task force in the performance of its duties  
7 and provide the task force with studies, data, or other materials in  
8 the possession of those entities, to the extent that such are relevant  
9 to the purposes of the task force.

10 g. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
11 Legislature as this bill):

12 “Advanced autonomous vehicle” means a motor vehicle  
13 equipped with autonomous technology that has a driving  
14 automation level of three, four, or five, as defined in the  
15 SAE J3016, which is an <sup>2</sup>[information report related to]<sup>2</sup> automated  
16 driving <sup>2</sup>[systems] system standard<sup>2</sup> issued by the Society of  
17 Automotive Engineers International and is used by the United  
18 States Department of Transportation for autonomous vehicle policy  
19 guidance.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
22 the issuance of the report submitted by the task force pursuant to  
23 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
24 this bill).

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30 Force.”