

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sponsor Statement

#### House Bill 217 – Autonomous Vehicles

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**“An Act regulating autonomous vehicles; and providing for an effective date.”**

House Bill 217 seeks to regulate the use of autonomous vehicles, and to provide specific requirements for autonomous vehicle use as relates to interstate commerce, goods, and passengers. As autonomous vehicles are increasingly contemplated for and used in shipping and product delivery, new laws around their use and related liability will provide critical guardrails for keeping drivers, pedestrians, and other road users safe.

This bill establishes legal definitions for autonomous technology being used in these vehicles; sets parameters for owner and user liability in the case of an accident; establishes requirements for use as relates to interstate commerce, goods, and passenger transport; and establishes an effective date.