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SB 133 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for vehicles left unattended on state highway shoulders. Proposed law removes the provision of "unattended".

Present law specifies that the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is the agency with jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems.

Proposed law provides the state of La. has jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles and automated driving systems and DOTD and Department of Public Safety implement the provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides a written statement must be presented before using a driverless, autonomous, commercial vehicle certifying the vehicle meets DOTD requirements.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Present law provides before operating a driverless commercial motor vehicle with a teleoperation system, a written statement must be submitted by the vehicle's owner, a remote driver or the remote drivers employer certifying the vehicle meets certain requirements.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the agency from DOTD to Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:296(A)(intro para), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Establishes DOTD as the lead agency.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes distinction for leaving vehicles on highway shoulders.
2. Removes lead agency with jurisdiction over autonomous vehicles.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the reengrossed bill:

1. Change jurisdiction over autonomous commercial motor vehicles from the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety, office of the state police to the state of Louisiana and provide for the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety, office of the state police to implement the relevant provisions of proposed law.