

# ASSEMBLY, No. 554

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires self-driving motor vehicles to be equipped with ignition interlock device.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning certain motor vehicles and supplementing Title  
2 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in this act, “autonomous motor vehicle” means  
8 any self-driving vehicle that is capable of operating without active  
9 control or monitoring by a human operator.

10 b. Any autonomous motor vehicle sold in this State shall be  
11 equipped with an ignition interlock device. The ignition interlock  
12 device shall be installed in a manner that renders the motor vehicle  
13 inoperable if the driver is intoxicated.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires any autonomous motor vehicle sold in this  
21 State to be equipped with an ignition interlock device. The bill  
22 defines an “autonomous motor vehicle” as a self-driving vehicle  
23 that is capable of operating without active control or monitoring by  
24 a human operator. These vehicles also are known as driverless cars  
25 and robot cars.

26 Under the provisions of this bill, an autonomous motor vehicle  
27 could not be sold in New Jersey unless it was equipped with an  
28 ignition interlock device, which permits a motor vehicle to be  
29 started only when the driver is sober. The sponsor’s intent is to  
30 prevent intoxicated drivers from using autonomous motor vehicles  
31 to evade State statutes prohibiting drunk driving.