# ASSEMBLY, No. 4977

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 218th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**
  Requires DLPS to establish training program to prepare law enforcement to interact with autonomous vehicles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**
  As introduced.

1   **AN ACT** concerning preparing law enforcement to interact with
2     autonomous vehicles and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3     Statutes.
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5   **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6   *of New Jersey:*
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8   1.  a.   The Attorney General, in consultation with the
9   Commissioner of Transportation, shall develop or approve a
10   training course and curriculum for law enforcement officers
11   regarding how to safely interact with autonomous vehicles in
12   emergency and traffic enforcement situations. This training course
13   and curriculum shall be reviewed at least every five years by the
14   Attorney General and modified as need may require. The Attorney
15   General shall make the curriculum available to all law enforcement
16   agencies in the State.
17     b.   The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring that
18   all law enforcement officers complete in-service training on how to
19   safely interact with autonomous vehicles no later than December
20   31, 2020.
21     c.   Prior to being appointed to permanent status as a law
22   enforcement officer, an individual shall be required to complete the
23   training course adopted under subsection a. of this section.
24     d.   The Police Training Commission shall adopt rules and
25   regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.
26   1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of this
27   act.
28     e.   As used in this section, "autonomous vehicle" means any
29   vehicle equipped with technology that has the capability to operate
30   the vehicle without the active physical control or monitoring of a
31   human operator.
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33   2.   This act shall take effect immediately.
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38   This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the
39   Commissioner of Transportation, to establish a training course to
40   prepare law enforcement to interact with autonomous vehicles. The
41   bill requires every law enforcement officer appointed prior to the
42   effective date of this act to complete the training course no later
43   than December 31, 2020. Prior to being appointed to permanent
44   status as a law enforcement officer, an individual is required to
45   complete the training course.
46   While autonomous vehicles are currently prohibited from being
47   tested or operated on public highways in New Jersey, this bill will
48   ensure that law enforcement will be prepared in emergency and
49   traffic enforcement situations when autonomous vehicles begin
50   operating on public highways.