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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 401 and 402  
insert:

Section 12. Present subsections (38) through (105) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (39) through (106), respectively, a new subsection (38) is added to that section, and present subsection (62) of that section is amended, to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when



11 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
12 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
13 otherwise requires:

14 (38) LOW-SPEED AUTONOMOUS DELIVERY VEHICLE.—A fully  
15 autonomous vehicle that meets the definition of a low-speed  
16 vehicle in 49 C.F.R. s. 571.3.

17 (63)~~(62)~~ PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.—Except as otherwise  
18 provided in paragraph (85) (b) ~~(84) (b)~~, any privately owned way  
19 or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having  
20 express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other  
21 persons.

22 Section 13. Section 316.2122, Florida Statutes, is amended  
23 to read:

24 316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle, ~~or~~ mini truck,  
25 or low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle on certain roadways.—

26 (1) The operation of a low-speed vehicle as defined in s.  
27 320.01 or a mini truck as defined in s. 320.01 on any road is  
28 authorized with the following restrictions:

29 (a)~~(1)~~ A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated  
30 only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per  
31 hour or less. This does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle or mini  
32 truck from crossing a road or street at an intersection where  
33 the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35  
34 miles per hour.

35 (b)~~(2)~~ A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps,  
36 stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors,  
37 parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and  
38 vehicle identification numbers.

39 (c)~~(3)~~ A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered



40 and insured in accordance with s. 320.02 and titled pursuant to  
41 chapter 319.

42 (d)~~(4)~~ Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini  
43 truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver license.

44 (2) The operation of a low-speed autonomous delivery  
45 vehicle on any road is authorized with the following  
46 restrictions:

47 (a) A low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle may operate  
48 only on streets or roads where the posted speed limit is 35  
49 miles per hour or less. This paragraph does not prohibit a low-  
50 speed autonomous delivery vehicle from crossing a road or street  
51 at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed  
52 limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

53 (b) A low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle may operate on  
54 a street or road with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles  
55 per hour, but no more than 45 miles per hour, if:

56 1. The low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle travels no  
57 more than 1 continuous mile on such a street or road, except  
58 that the vehicle may travel in excess of 1 continuous mile if  
59 authorized by the entity with jurisdiction over the street or  
60 road;

61 2. The low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle operates  
62 exclusively in the right lane, other than for the purpose of  
63 completing a turn; and

64 3. On a two-lane street or road where overtaking and  
65 passing another vehicle is unsafe because of traffic moving in  
66 the opposite direction or because of other unsafe conditions,  
67 and five or more vehicles are formed in a line behind the  
68 autonomous delivery vehicle, the low-speed autonomous delivery



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69 vehicle exits the roadway wherever a sufficient area for a safe  
70 turn-out exists, to permit the vehicles following to proceed.

71 (c) A low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle must be  
72 equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps,  
73 taillamps, reflex reflectors, and vehicle identification  
74 numbers.

75 (d) Federal regulations adopted by the National Highway  
76 Traffic Safety Administration shall supersede this subsection  
77 when found to be in conflict with this subsection.

78 (e) A low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle must be covered  
79 by a policy of automobile insurance which provides the coverage  
80 required by s. 627.749(2)(a)1., 2., and 3. The coverage  
81 requirements of this paragraph may be satisfied by automobile  
82 insurance maintained by the owner of a low-speed autonomous  
83 delivery vehicle, the owner of the teleoperation system, the  
84 remote human operator, or a combination thereof.

85 ~~(3)-(5)~~ A county or municipality may prohibit the operation  
86 of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its  
87 jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality  
88 determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of  
89 safety.

90 ~~(4)-(6)~~ The Department of Transportation may prohibit the  
91 operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under  
92 its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is  
93 necessary in the interest of safety.

94 Section 14. Present subsection (6) of section 316.215,  
95 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), a new  
96 subsection (6) is added to that section, and present subsection  
97 (6) is republished, to read:



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98 316.215 Scope and effect of regulations.-

99 (6) The provisions of any motor vehicle equipment laws or  
100 regulations of this state which relate to or support motor  
101 vehicle operation by a human driver but are not relevant for an  
102 automated driving system shall not apply to fully autonomous  
103 vehicles that are designed to be operated exclusively by the  
104 automated driving system for all trips.

105 (7)~~(6)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic  
106 infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in  
107 chapter 318.

108 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
109 316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a  
111 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.-

112 (3) (a) 1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while  
113 using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a  
114 designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as  
115 defined in s. 316.003 ~~s. 316.003(105)~~. This subparagraph shall  
116 only be applicable to work zone areas if construction personnel  
117 are present or are operating equipment on the road or  
118 immediately adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of  
119 this paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being  
120 operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this  
121 paragraph.

122 2.a. During the period from October 1, 2019, through  
123 December 31, 2019, a law enforcement officer may stop motor  
124 vehicles to issue verbal or written warnings to persons who are  
125 in violation of subparagraph 1. for the purposes of informing  
126 and educating such persons of this section. This sub-



127 subparagraph shall stand repealed on October 1, 2020.

128       b. Effective January 1, 2020, a law enforcement officer may  
129 stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are  
130 driving while using a wireless communications device in a  
131 handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.

132       Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 655.960, Florida  
133 Statutes, is amended to read:

134       655.960 Definitions; ss. 655.960-655.965.—As used in this  
135 section and ss. 655.961-655.965, unless the context otherwise  
136 requires:

137       (1) "Access area" means any paved walkway or sidewalk which  
138 is within 50 feet of any automated teller machine. The term does  
139 not include any street or highway open to the use of the public,  
140 as defined in s. 316.003(85) (a) or (b) ~~s. 316.003(84) (a) or (b)~~,  
141 including any adjacent sidewalk, as defined in s. 316.003.

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143 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

144 And the title is amended as follows:

145       Delete line 54

146 and insert:

147       programs; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term  
148 "low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle"; amending s.  
149 316.2122, F.S.; authorizing the operation of a low-  
150 speed autonomous delivery vehicle on certain streets  
151 and roads; providing construction; authorizing the  
152 operation of a low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle  
153 on streets or roads with a posted speed limit of up to  
154 45 miles per hour under specified conditions;  
155 providing requirements for low-speed autonomous



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156 delivery vehicles; amending s. 316.215, F.S.;

157 providing that certain fully autonomous vehicles are

158 not subject to certain provisions of law or

159 regulations; amending ss. 316.306 and 655.960, F.S.;

160 conforming cross-references; providing an effective

161 date.