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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to delivery of commercial goods by
autonomous vehicles; amending s. 316.85, F.S.;
prohibiting the use of an autonomous vehicle to
deliver commercial goods directly to a residence or
business for use or retail sale unless a licensed
human operator is physically present in the autonomous
vehicle; requiring the Department of Highway Safety
and Motor Vehicles to submit to the Legislature a
report evaluating the use of certain autonomous
vehicle technology and its impacts on public safety
and employment in the transportation sector by a
certain date; providing requirements for the report;
requiring the department to consult with certain
entities and independent experts in preparing the
report; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsection (6) of section 316.85,
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7),
respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section,
to read:

316.85 Autonomous vehicles; operation; compliance with
traffic and motor vehicle laws; testing.—

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an
autonomous vehicle may not be used to deliver commercial goods
directly to a residence or business for use or retail sale
unless a licensed human operator is physically present in the

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30 autonomous vehicle.

31 Section 2. (1) By January 1, 2031, or 5 years after the
32 commencement of any use of autonomous vehicles to deliver
33 commercial goods directly to a residence or business for use or
34 retail sale, whichever occurs later, the Department of Highway
35 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall submit to the President of the
36 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report
37 evaluating the use of such autonomous vehicle technology and its
38 impact on public safety and employment in the transportation
39 sector.

40 (2) The report must include all of the following:

41 (a) A summary of disengagements of autonomous vehicle
42 technology, related vehicle crashes, and any other information
43 the department deems relevant.

44 (b) A recommendation on whether the Legislature should
45 remove, amend, or maintain the requirement in s. 316.85(6),
46 Florida Statutes, that licensed human operators be physically
47 present in autonomous vehicles used to deliver commercial goods
48 directly to a residence or business for use or retail sale.

49 (3) In preparing the report under subsection (2), the
50 department shall consult with all of the following:

51 (a) The Florida Highway Patrol regarding traffic impacts,
52 driver and passenger safety risks, and impacts on other
53 motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

54 (b) The Department of Commerce regarding job-related
55 impacts, including any worker displacement and shortcomings in
56 retraining opportunities.

57 (c) The Department of Transportation regarding
58 infrastructure impacts, deficiencies, and needs.

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59 (d) Independent experts regarding the performance of
60 autonomous vehicle technology, public safety impacts, and any
61 other relevant factors in considering the deployment of such
62 technology.

63 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.