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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the safety of autonomous vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul R. Feeney*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bristol and Norfolk*

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to the safety of autonomous vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19L the  
2 following new section:-

3 Section 19M. An autonomous vehicle registered in this state must continue to meet  
4 federal standards and regulations for a motor vehicle. The vehicle shall not be engaged in the  
5 transport of interstate commerce or the transporting of passengers, or the transporting of goods  
6 unless a human safety operator is physically present in the autonomous vehicle such that they  
7 have the ability to monitor the performance of the vehicle and intervene if necessary, including  
8 but not limited to operating or shutting off the vehicle. A human safety operator must continue to  
9 meet all state and federal qualifications for automated and non-automated vehicles.