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CALIFORNIA SENATE - JOBS & THE ECONOMY

AB-316 (2023-2024)

Vehicles: autonomous vehicles

District 4 - Assemblymember [Curry](#)

Purpose

Seeks to ban autonomous truck deployments by requiring a "human safety operator" to be physically present in all heavy-duty autonomous vehicles.

History: 01/03/24 - Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Votes: 09/11/23 (PASS) - Sen Floor - Ayes: 26, Noes: 2, NVR: 2 - Assembly 3rd Reading AB-316 Aguiar-Curry et al. By Gonzalez

Position

- Recommended Position: **Oppose**
- While we believe it's important to responsibly advance technology and monitor it for safety, by merely banning it causes California to be further behind from other parts of the country who are already creating autonomous vehicle highways
- Autonomous heavy-duty vehicles that operate in interstate commerce will fundamentally change the manner and speed in which goods move in our country while making roads safer for everyone. This technology also presents an array of environmental benefits, including greater fuel efficiency, more efficient use of physical infrastructure, reduced congestion, and reduced agricultural spoilage and related preservation of soil and water resources. Moreover, autonomous long-haul trucking has the potential to broadly benefit the economy by improving the efficiency of countless industries that rely on moving goods on trucks, such as agriculture, retail, and manufacturing.

Read the official bill. [Click Here](#)

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