



REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
LAW AMENDING ARTICLES 2, 10, 13, 20 AND 25 OF
THE LAW ON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY NO VIII-2043

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Article 1. Amending Article 2 (*comment: Definitions*)

1. To supplement Article 2 with a new paragraph 55:

“55. **Autonomous car** shall mean a self-driving car participating in public traffic without person intervention, which can also be directly or remotely controlled by a person in case such a possibility has been foreseen by the car manufacturer.”

2. To regard the former paragraphs 55–87 of Article 2 as paragraphs 56–89 respectively.

3. To amend paragraph 75 of Article 2 to read as follows:

“75. **Driving of a vehicle** shall mean actions of a person in a vehicle or on it, or actions of the autonomous car equipment, that control a vehicle.”

Article 2. Amending Article 10 (*comment: Traffic safety enforcement*)

1. To supplement paragraph 1 (*comment: authority of the Ministry of Transport and Communications*) of Article 10 with a new point 31:

“31) set the conditions and procedure for testing of autonomous cars and their participation in public traffic;”.

2. To regard the former point 31 of paragraph 1 of Article 10 as point 32.

3. To amend point 6 of paragraph 5 (*comment: authority of the Ministry of the Interior*) of Article 10 to read as follows:

“6) establish the procedure for issuance and use of temporary registration plates for motor vehicles, trailers and testing of autonomous cars;”.

Article 3. Amending Article 13 (*comment: General responsibilities of vehicle drivers*)

1. To supplement Article 13 with a new paragraph 15:

“15. Testing of autonomous cars in public traffic shall be performed by persons able to directly or remotely take over the control of the autonomous cars at any moment. These persons shall be deemed equal to drivers during testing of autonomous cars and must carry out the duties of drivers provided for in laws and other legal acts and must hold a valid driving licence which gives the right to drive motor vehicles of category that is being tested.”

2. To regard the former paragraph 15 of Article as paragraph 16.

Article 4. Amending Article 20 (*comment: Requirements for vehicle owners and operators*)

To supplement Article 20 with paragraph 4:

“4. The operator of an autonomous car must ensure safe participation of an autonomous car in public traffic. The operator of an autonomous car shall be deemed equal to a motor vehicle driver from the moment the operator takes over the control of an autonomous car.”

Article 5. Amending Article 25 (*comment: General requirements for motor vehicles and trailers*)

1. To supplement Article 25 with paragraph 10:

“10. In case the manufacturer of an autonomous car has foreseen the possibility of direct or remote person control of an autonomous car, the autonomous car equipment shall provide a possibility to check whether an autonomous car is controlled by actions of equipment of an autonomous car or it is directly or remotely controlled by a person.”

2. To supplement Article 25 with paragraph 11:

“11. An autonomous car must be able to drive suitably and safely so that it does not endanger other traffic participants, safety of other persons or their property and environment, does not interfere with traffic, chooses a safe driving speed, assesses the driving conditions, relief of the terrain, road condition, its own condition and cargo, meteorological conditions, as well as the traffic volume, in order to stop safely before any obstacle, including cases when the car is stopped by inspecting officers. An autonomous car must be able to slow down and stop safely when needed, if the emerging circumstances require doing so.”

Article 6. Entry into Force and Implementation of the Law

1. This law, with the exception of paragraph 2 of this Article, shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.

2. The Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania and the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania or institutions authorised by them shall adopt legal acts implementing this Law until 31 December 2017.

I hereby promulgate this Law adopted by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.

President of the Republic

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