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Requested by Representative MCLAIN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4085**

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 17 and delete pages 2 through 8 and insert:

“AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 12 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

“SECTION 2. Definitions. As used in sections 2 to 12, 14 and 15 of this 2026 Act:

“(1) ‘Automated driving system’ means the hardware and software that are collectively capable of performing the dynamic driving tasks on a sustained basis within one or more operational design domains.

“(2) ‘Autonomous vehicle’ means a motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less and is equipped with an automated driving system.

“(3)(a) ‘Dynamic driving task’ means the real-time operational and tactical functions required to operate a motor vehicle on a highway or on premises open to the public.

“(b) ‘Dynamic driving task’ includes:

“(A) Lateral vehicle motion control by steering;

“(B) Longitudinal motion control by accelerating or decelerating;

1 “(C) Monitoring the driving environment by detecting, recognizing,
2 classifying and preparing a response to objects and events;

3 “(D) Executing appropriate responses to objects and events;

4 “(E) Planning maneuvers; and

5 “(F) Enhancing the motor vehicle’s conspicuity through lighting,
6 signaling or gesturing.

7 “(c) ‘Dynamic driving task’ does not include trip planning, includ-
8 ing decisions regarding whether, when and where to go or the route
9 to take.

10 “(4) ‘Minimal risk condition’ means a stable, stopped condition to
11 which an onboard human operator or automated driving system may
12 bring a motor vehicle in response to a system failure, request to in-
13 tervene or cessation of an operational design domain to reduce the
14 risk of a collision.

15 “(5) ‘Onboard human operator’ means a natural person who is
16 seated in a motor vehicle, possesses the proper class of license or
17 endorsement for the motor vehicle in which the person is seated and
18 is able to assume control of and operate the motor vehicle.

19 “(6) ‘Operational design domain’ means the conditions under which
20 an automated driving system is specifically designed to function, in-
21 cluding but not limited to environmental, geographic and time-of-day
22 restrictions, and the requisite presence or absence of certain traffic
23 or roadway characteristics.

24 “(7) ‘Request to intervene’ means notification by an automated
25 driving system to an onboard human operator indicating that the
26 onboard human operator should promptly begin or resume performing
27 part or all of the dynamic driving task.

28 “SECTION 3. Levels of driving automation. The Department of
29 Transportation, taking into consideration the recommendations in the
30 Society of Automotive Engineers’ ‘Taxonomy and Definitions for

1 **Terms Related to Driving Automation Systems for On-Road Motor**
2 **Vehicles, Standard J3016, (April 2021 edition)’ and any subsequent edi-**
3 **tion, shall by rule define the driving automation levels of automated**
4 **driving systems.**

5 **“SECTION 4. Operation of autonomous vehicles; automated driving**
6 **systems.** A person may operate an autonomous vehicle with the auto-
7 mated driving system engaged on the highways of this state if the
8 following conditions are met:

9 **“(1) The autonomous vehicle’s automated driving system will**
10 **achieve a minimal risk condition if the automated driving system be-**
11 **comes unable to perform the dynamic driving task relevant to its op-**
12 **erational design domain;**

13 **“(2) The autonomous vehicle is capable of operating in compliance**
14 **with all state vehicle laws, except those laws for which the Depart-**
15 **ment of Transportation has granted an exemption;**

16 **“(3) The autonomous vehicle and its automated driving system**
17 **comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for**
18 **its model year, except those standards for which an exemption has**
19 **been granted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**
20 **or by provision of federal law; and**

21 **“(4) An onboard human operator is seated in the driver’s seat of the**
22 **autonomous vehicle.**

23 **“SECTION 4a.** Section 4 of this 2026 Act is amended to read:

24 **“Sec. 4. Operation of autonomous vehicles; automated driving systems.**
25 A person may operate an autonomous vehicle with the automated driving
26 system engaged on the highways of this state if the following conditions are
27 met:

28 **“(1) The autonomous vehicle’s automated driving system will achieve a**
29 **minimal risk condition if the automated driving system becomes unable to**
30 **perform the dynamic driving task relevant to its operational design domain;**

1 “(2) The autonomous vehicle is capable of operating in compliance with
2 all state vehicle laws, except those laws for which the Department of
3 Transportation has granted an exemption;

4 “(3) The autonomous vehicle and its automated driving system comply
5 with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for its model
6 year, except those standards for which an exemption has been granted by the
7 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or by provision of federal
8 law; and

9 “(4)(a) An onboard human operator is seated in the driver’s seat of the
10 autonomous vehicle; **or**

11 **“(b) If there is not an onboard human operator seated in the**
12 **driver’s seat of the autonomous vehicle, the person operating the au-**
13 **tonomous vehicle:**

14 **“(A) Has received authorization to operate the autonomous vehicle**
15 **without an onboard human operator under section 9 of this 2026 Act;**
16 **and**

17 **“(B) Makes available a fleet support specialist, as defined by the**
18 **Department of Transportation by rule under section 9 of this 2026 Act,**
19 **at all times the autonomous vehicle is operating without an onboard**
20 **human operator.**

21 **“SECTION 5. Driver of autonomous vehicle. (1) For the purposes**
22 **of state law, including the Oregon Vehicle Code and any administra-**
23 **tive rule adopted pursuant to the Oregon Vehicle Code, when the au-**
24 **tomated driving system of an autonomous vehicle is engaged, the**
25 **automated driving system is the driver or operator of the autonomous**
26 **vehicle.**

27 **“(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, when the auto-**
28 **mated driving system of an autonomous vehicle is engaged, the person**
29 **operating the autonomous vehicle shall be subject to the penalty for**
30 **any violation of applicable law, including violations that constitute a**

violation, as described in ORS 153.005, or a crime.

“SECTION 6. Duties of operator. (1)(a) A person other than an onboard human operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle that is involved in a collision that results in damage to property is subject to and shall perform the duties of a driver as described in ORS 811.700, 811.706, 811.707, 811.717, 811.720, 811.725, 811.740, 811.745 and 811.748.

“(b) A person other than an onboard human operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle is exempt from the duties of a driver as described in ORS 811.705, 811.710 and 811.715.

“(2)(a) A person who is operating an autonomous vehicle shall provide the Department of Transportation a copy of any collision report that the person is required to provide the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration within 24 hours after the person provides the collision report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“(b) A person is exempt from the requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection if the report is made available to the department under federal law.

“SECTION 7. Insurance. (1) A person operating an autonomous vehicle shall:

“(a) Comply with the financial responsibility requirements under ORS 806.060; and

“(b) Maintain a motor vehicle liability policy that meets the requirements under ORS 742.502 and 742.520.

“(2)(a) In addition to the requirements under subsection (1) of this section, a person operating an autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged shall maintain a motor vehicle liability policy that provides combined single limit per occurrence third-party liability coverage of at least \$1 million; and

“(b) A person is not required to have insurance with a higher limit

1 than that specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection or additional
2 coverages solely because the autonomous vehicle is operating with the
3 automated driving system engaged.

4 “(3) A person may satisfy the requirements under this section by
5 maintaining an insurance policy issued by:

6 “(a) An insurer licensed in this state; or

7 “(b) A surplus lines licensee under ORS 735.400 to 735.495.

8 **“SECTION 8. Operating as commercial vehicle.** A person may op-
9 erate an autonomous vehicle as a commercial vehicle under ORS
10 chapter 826.

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12 **“OPERATING WITHOUT ONBOARD HUMAN OPERATOR**

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14 **“SECTION 9. Operating without onboard human operator.** (1) A
15 person may not operate an autonomous vehicle with the automated
16 driving system engaged on the highways of this state without an
17 onboard human operator unless the person receives authorization
18 from the Department of Transportation under this section.

19 “(2) The department shall authorize a person to operate an auton-
20 omous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged on the
21 highways of this state without an onboard human operator if:

22 “(a) The conditions listed in section 4 of this 2026 Act are met; and

23 “(b) The person:

24 “(A) Submits an application that includes the information listed
25 under subsection (3) of this section; and

26 “(B) Provides the department with a first responder interaction plan
27 described under subsection (4) of this section.

28 “(3) An application submitted under subsection (2) of this section
29 must include the following information:

30 “(a) The person’s name, address and contact information;

1 “(b) The name, address and contact information of the person’s
2 registered agent in this state, if the person is required by law to have
3 a registered agent in this state;

4 “(c) For each autonomous vehicle included in the application, the
5 registration sticker and state of issuance, vehicle information number,
6 make, model and year and proof of current vehicle registration;

7 “(d) For each autonomous vehicle included in the application, a
8 statement describing the intended operational design domain; and

9 “(e) A written statement certifying that each autonomous vehicle
10 included in the application complies with the conditions listed under
11 section 4 (1) to (3) of this 2026 Act.

12 “(4) A first responder interaction plan provided under subsection (2)
13 of this section must include the following:

14 “(a) Documentation that demonstrates that the person operating
15 the autonomous vehicle will have a fleet support specialist available
16 during any period of time that the autonomous vehicle is operating;

17 “(b) How to contact and communicate with the fleet support spe-
18 cialist, whether by a phone or other reasonable means of communi-
19 cation that is not by electronic mail;

20 “(c) How to safely remove the autonomous vehicle from the
21 roadway;

22 “(d) How to safely tow the autonomous vehicle;

23 “(e) How to recognize whether the autonomous vehicle has the au-
24 tomated driving system engaged or not;

25 “(f) Information on how a city that receives a notice under section
26 11 of this 2026 Act may request a first responder training or demon-
27 stration; and

28 “(g) Any other information regarding hazardous conditions or pub-
29 lic safety risks associated with the operation of the autonomous vehi-
30 cle.

1 “(5) The department may deny an application for authorization un-
2 der this section if the department finds that the application materials
3 are incomplete or inaccurate or insufficiently address an identified
4 public safety risk. If the department denies an application, the de-
5 partment shall provide the applicant the reason for the denial and the
6 opportunity to supplement the application. Rejection of an application
7 does not preclude a person from reapplying for authorization.

8 “(6) Authorization granted to a person to operate an autonomous
9 vehicle with the automated driving system engaged without an
10 onboard human operator under this section does not expire unless
11 suspended or revoked pursuant to section 10 of this 2026 Act.

12 “(7) A person who is granted authorization under this section shall
13 provide the department with any updated information described under
14 subsection (2) of this section within 30 days after the change in infor-
15 mation.

16 “(8) For purposes of this section, the department shall define ‘fleet
17 support specialist’ by rule, taking into consideration the recommen-
18 dations in the Society of Automotive Engineers’ ‘Taxonomy and Defi-
19 nitions for Terms Related to Driving Automation Systems for On-Road
20 Motor Vehicles, Standard J3016 (April 2021 edition),’ and any subse-
21 quent edition.

22 “SECTION 10. Suspension or revocation of authorization. (1) As
23 used in this section, ‘authorization holder’ means a person whom the
24 Department of Transportation authorizes to operate an autonomous
25 vehicle without an onboard human operator under section 9 of this
26 2026 Act.

27 “(2) The department shall follow the procedures under this section
28 if the department determines that:

29 “(a) An autonomous vehicle operating with authorization granted
30 under section 9 of this 2026 Act is not in safe operational condition;

1 and

2 “(b) Operation of the autonomous vehicle on the public highways
3 of this state endangers the public by creating a substantial risk of
4 death or has caused death, serious permanent disfigurement or pro-
5 tracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or
6 organ.

7 “(3)(a) The department shall provide the authorization holder notice
8 of intent to:

9 “(A) Suspend or revoke the authorization; or

10 “(B) Impose restrictions on the operation of the autonomous vehi-
11 cle.

12 “(b) The notice must:

13 “(A) Include a summary of the department’s determination and
14 supporting evidence;

15 “(B) Specify the enforcement action the department will take if the
16 authorization holder fails to provide a certification as described in
17 subsection (4) of this section; and

18 “(C) Provide the authorization holder a reasonable period of time
19 to:

20 “(i) Correct the issues identified by the department; and

21 “(ii) Provide the department a certification as described in sub-
22 section (4) of this section.

23 “(4) Within the period of time provided in the notice, the authori-
24 zation holder shall:

25 “(a) Ensure that the issues identified by the department in the no-
26 tice are corrected; and

27 “(b) Provide the department a certification that:

28 “(A) Acknowledges that the issues have been corrected;

29 “(B) Explains how the issues have been corrected; and

30 “(C) Identifies any operational measures implemented.

1 “(5) Upon written request by the authorization holder, the depart-
2 ment may give the authorization holder additional time to respond
3 under subsection (4) of this section.

4 “(6) If the authorization holder fails to comply with subsection (4)
5 of this section, the department shall issue a decision that carries out
6 the enforcement action specified in the notice.

7 “(7) Within 10 days of receiving a decision, the authorization holder
8 may submit a written request to the department to review the deci-
9 sion. Within 10 days of receiving a written request to review the deci-
10 sion, the department shall review the decision and issue a final
11 determination that upholds or rescinds the decision.

12 “(8) A final determination by the department under this section is
13 subject to review in the manner prescribed under ORS chapter 183 for
14 contested cases.

15 “(9) The department may bring a civil action to enjoin a person
16 from continuing or engaging in a violation of a:

17 “(a) Decision issued under subsection (6) of this section, if the per-
18 son did not submit a request to the department to review the decision
19 within 10 days of receiving the decision.

20 “(b) Final determination issued under subsection (7) of this section,
21 if the person did not appeal the final determination for review.

22 “(10) Notwithstanding the period of time that is provided in a notice
23 under subsection (3) of this section, the department shall rescind a
24 suspension, revocation or restriction on the operation of the auton-
25 omous vehicle if, at any time, the authorization holder complies with
26 subsection (4) of this section.

27 “SECTION 11. Operating within city boundaries. (1) A person may
28 not operate an autonomous vehicle within the boundaries of a city
29 without an onboard human operator, unless the person provides to the
30 city at least a 10 days’ written notice of the person’s intent to begin

1 operating the autonomous vehicle within the boundaries of the city
2 without an onboard human operator.

3 “(2) A person who has provided a notice to a city under subsection
4 (1) of this section shall, at the request of the city, provide the city with
5 a first responder training or demonstration. The person is not re-
6 quired to provide the city with more than one training or demon-
7 stration per calendar year, and may, upon agreement with the city,
8 provide more than one city within the cities’ regional area a single
9 training or demonstration.

10 “SECTION 12. Exemption to state equipment requirements. The
11 Department of Transportation may grant an autonomous vehicle that
12 operates exclusively by an automated driving system and without an
13 onboard human operator an exemption to any state equipment re-
14 quirements under ORS chapter 815 or 816.

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16 **“OPERATING AS A CARRIER**
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18 “SECTION 13. Sections 14 and 15 of this 2026 Act are added to and
19 made a part of ORS chapter 825.

20 “SECTION 14. Operating as for-hire carrier. A person who receives
21 authorization under section 9 of this 2026 Act to operate an auton-
22 omous vehicle without an onboard human operator need not obtain a
23 permit under ORS 825.102 or 825.127 to operate the autonomous vehicle
24 as a for-hire carrier under ORS chapter 825.

25 “SECTION 15. On-demand autonomous vehicle network. (1) As used
26 in this section:

27 “(a) ‘Airport’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 836.005.

28 “(b) ‘On-demand autonomous vehicle network’ means a transpor-
29 tation service network that uses a software application or other digital
30 means to dispatch or otherwise enable the prearrangement of trans-

1 portation with autonomous vehicles for the purpose of transporting
2 passengers or goods, including for-hire transportation and transporta-
3 tion for compensation.

4 “(c) ‘Street hail’ means an immediate arrangement that occurs on
5 a street between a driver and a person using any method other than
6 a digital network to seek immediate transportation.

7 “(d) ‘Transportation network company’ has the meaning given that
8 term in ORS 742.518.

9 “(2) An on-demand autonomous vehicle network that is operating
10 in this state shall:

11 “(a) Disclose to a customer the fare or fare calculator method, in-
12 cluding all fees, on the network’s website or mobile application prior
13 to arranging a ride;

14 “(b) Within a reasonable period of time after a ride is complete,
15 transmit an electronic receipt, which must include the origin and
16 destination of the ride, the total time and distance of the ride and the
17 total amount charged for the ride, to the customer;

18 “(c) Offer its services to persons with disabilities; and

19 “(d) Refer persons with disabilities who require a fixed-frame
20 wheelchair to an alternative carrier if the on-demand autonomous
21 vehicle network does not have an available autonomous vehicle that
22 can accommodate a person with a disability who requires a fixed-frame
23 wheelchair.

24 “(3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to provide for a
25 uniform state law to govern exclusively on-demand autonomous vehi-
26 cle networks.

27 “(b) A local government may not:

28 “(A) Regulate on-demand autonomous vehicle networks;

29 “(B) Require an on-demand autonomous vehicle network to have a
30 license or permit, except for a generally applicable license that the

1 local government requires for a person to operate a business within
2 the local government's jurisdiction;

3 “(C) Impose a restriction or unique requirement on the operations
4 of an on-demand autonomous vehicle network as a condition for a
5 generally applicable license to operate a business within the local
6 government's jurisdiction; or

7 “(D) Impose a tax or fee on an on-demand autonomous vehicle
8 network, except for a tax or trip fee that is equivalent to a tax or trip
9 fee that the local government imposes on a transportation network
10 company operating within the local government's jurisdiction.

11 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, an airport
12 may:

13 “(A) Charge an on-demand autonomous vehicle network a fee for
14 dropping off or picking up riders at the airport that is consistent with
15 any fee the airport charges persons providing similar services;

16 “(B) Designate locations at the airport for staging, picking up cus-
17 tomers or dropping off customers that are reasonably equivalent to
18 locations the airport designates for use by other persons providing
19 similar services;

20 “(C) Require an on-demand autonomous vehicle network to obtain
21 a permit to operate at the airport; or

22 “(D) Require an on-demand autonomous vehicle network to follow
23 the generally applicable regulations or rules of the airport.

24 “(4) An on-demand autonomous vehicle network:

25 “(a) Is not a common carrier.

26 “(b) May not provide taxicab or street hail services.

27
28 “STATE LAW GOVERNS

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30 “SECTION 16. Controlling authority; rules. (1) Except as provided

1 under this section and sections 2 to 12, 14 and 15 of this 2026 Act, au-
2 tonomous vehicles and automated driving systems are governed ex-
3 clusively by state law.

4 “(2) A local government or local service district, as those terms are
5 defined in ORS 174.116, may not:

6 “(a) Prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle or on-demand
7 autonomous vehicle network; or

8 “(b) Impose a tax, fee, performance standard or other requirement
9 specific only to the operation of an autonomous vehicle or on-demand
10 autonomous vehicle network.

11 “(3) Nothing in this section and sections 2 to 12, 14 and 15 of this
12 2026 Act limits a local government’s authority to enforce generally
13 applicable traffic laws, traffic control devices, signage or emergency
14 vehicle procedures on autonomous vehicles.

15 “(4) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules necessary
16 to carry out the provisions of this section and sections 2 to 12, 14 and
17 15 of this 2026 Act.

18 “DRIVING PRIVILEGES

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21 “SECTION 17. ORS 807.020 is amended to read:

22 “807.020. A person who is granted a driving privilege by this section may
23 exercise the driving privilege described without violation of the requirements
24 under ORS 807.010. A grant of driving privileges to operate a motor vehicle
25 under this section is subject to suspension and revocation the same as other
26 driving privileges granted under the vehicle code. This section is in addition
27 to any exemptions from the vehicle code under ORS 801.026. The following
28 persons are granted the described driving privileges:

29 “(1) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resi-
30 dent of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without

1 an Oregon license or driver permit if the person holds a current out-of-state
2 license issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person is
3 a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements de-
4 scribed in ORS 807.062. To qualify under this subsection, the person must
5 have the out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession. A
6 person is not granted driving privileges under this subsection:

7 “(a) If the person is under the minimum age required to be eligible for
8 driving privileges under ORS 807.060;

9 “(b) During a period of suspension or revocation by this state or any
10 other jurisdiction of driving privileges or of the right to apply for a license
11 or driver permit issued by this state or any other jurisdiction; or

12 “(c) That exceed the driving privileges granted to the person by the out-
13 of-state license or driver permit.

14 “(2) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
15 or a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmo-
16 spheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon li-
17 cense or driver permit if the person is operating a motor vehicle in the
18 course of the person's duties in the Armed Forces or the National Oceanic
19 and Atmospheric Administration.

20 “(3) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a road roller
21 or road machinery that is not required to be registered under the laws of this
22 state.

23 “(4) A person without a license or driver permit may temporarily operate,
24 draw, move or propel a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.

25 “(5) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a motor
26 vehicle to demonstrate driving ability during the course of an examination
27 administered under ORS 807.070 for the purpose of qualifying for a license
28 or driver permit. This subsection only applies when an authorized examiner
29 is in a seat beside the driver of the motor vehicle.

30 “(6) Driving privileges for snowmobiles are exclusively as provided in

1 ORS 821.150.

2 “(7) Driving privileges for Class I all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as
3 provided in ORS 821.170, unless a person is operating a Class I all-terrain
4 vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by
5 the Oregon Transportation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

6 “(8) Driving privileges for Class III all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as
7 provided in ORS 821.172, unless a person is operating a Class III all-terrain
8 vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by
9 the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

10 “(9) Driving privileges for Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as
11 provided in ORS 821.176, unless a person is operating a Class IV all-terrain
12 vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by
13 the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

14 “(10) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a golf cart
15 in accordance with an ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070.

16 “(11) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
17 on active duty or the spouse of a member of the commissioned corps of the
18 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is accompanying the
19 member on assignment in this state may operate a motor vehicle if the
20 spouse has a current out-of-state license or driver permit issued to the spouse
21 by another state in the spouse’s possession.

22 “(12) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
23 on active duty or a member of the commissioned corps of the National
24 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle if the
25 person has a current out-of-state license or driver permit in the person’s
26 possession that is issued to the person by the person’s state of domicile or
27 by the Armed Forces of the United States in a foreign country. Driving
28 privileges described under this subsection that are granted by the Armed
29 Forces apply only for a period of 45 days from the time the person returns
30 to the United States.

1 “(13) A person who does not hold a motorcycle endorsement may operate
2 a motorcycle if the person is:

3 “(a) Within an enclosed cab;

4 “(b) Operating a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact
5 with the ground at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour; or

6 “(c) Operating an autocycle.

7 “(14) Except as provided in subsection (15) of this section, a person may
8 operate a bicycle without any grant of driving privileges.

9 “(15) A person may operate the following without any grant of driving
10 privileges if the person is 16 years of age or older:

11 “(a) A Class 1 electric assisted bicycle;

12 “(b) A Class 2 electric assisted bicycle; or

13 “(c) A Class 3 electric assisted bicycle.

14 “(16) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter without a driver li-
15 cense or driver permit if the person is 16 years of age or older.

16 “(17) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a res-
17 ident of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without
18 an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is at least 15 years of age
19 and has in the person’s possession a current out-of-state equivalent of a Class
20 C instruction driver permit issued to the person. For the purpose of this
21 subsection, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the resi-
22 dency requirements described in ORS 807.062. A person operating a motor
23 vehicle under authority of this subsection has the same privileges and is
24 subject to the same restrictions as a person operating under the authority
25 of a Class C instruction driver permit issued as provided in ORS 807.280.

26 “(18) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device
27 without any grant of driving privileges if the person is 16 years of age or
28 older.

29 **“(19) A person may operate an autonomous vehicle with the auto-**
30 **ated driving system engaged without any grant of driving privileges**

1 if the conditions listed in section 4 of this 2026 Act are met.

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3 **“CAPTIONS**

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5 **“SECTION 18. The unit and section captions used in this 2026 Act**
6 **are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become**
7 **part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent**
8 **in the enactment of this 2026 Act.**

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10 **“OPERATIVE DATE**

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12 **“SECTION 19. (1) Sections 8 to 12, 14 and 15 of this 2026 Act and the**
13 **amendments to section 4 of this 2026 Act by section 4a of this 2026 Act**
14 **become operative January 1, 2028.**

15 **“(2) The Department of Transportation may take any action before**
16 **the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is**
17 **necessary for the department to exercise, on or after the operative**
18 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-**
19 **tions and powers conferred on the department by sections 8 to 12, 14**
20 **and 15 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to section 4 of this 2026**
21 **Act by section 4a of this 2026 Act.”.**