
AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE – FEDERAL UPDATE

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OVERVIEW

- Getting Up to Speed
- US DOT and NHTSA
- Congress
- NCSL Priorities



LAY OF THE LAND

- Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966
 - Preemption
 - Once the Federal standard (design, construction and performance) in place, preempts states
 - Prior to, no preemption

US DOT AND NHTSA

- Three versions of voluntary guidance
- Latest includes a request for Vehicle Safety Self Assessments (VSSAs)
- No new safety standards



CONGRESS

- 115th Congress
 - AV START Act and SELF DRIVE Act
- 116th
 - Bi-partisan, bi-cameral
 - Six staff draft sections
 - Exemptions, Testing, HAV Council
 - Preemption, Rulemaking, Definitions

NCSL PRIORITIES

- Maintain state authority
 - Define performance for AVs
 - Require submission of safety assessment
 - Maintain safety when exemptions granted
 - Real time data sharing with States on exemptions
 - Specific membership on any advisory or rulemaking committees
 - Devote federal resources for consumer education

QUESTIONS?

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