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House of Representatives, December 22, 2017

An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SANBORN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTIONEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2093** is enacted to read:

3 **§2093. Municipal pilot programs for autonomous vehicles for public transportation**

4 Until March 31, 2022, a municipality may enter into a memorandum of agreement
5 with the Secretary of State, the department and the Department of Professional and
6 Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance pursuant to which the municipality may
7 develop, test and operate a pilot program for the use of autonomous vehicles for public
8 transportation in the municipality. For the purposes of this section, "autonomous vehicle"
9 means a vehicle that is equipped with an automated driving system, designed to function
10 without an operator. By December 1, 2021, a municipality that develops, tests or
11 operates a pilot program pursuant to this section shall submit a report regarding the pilot
12 program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
13 transportation matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to
14 municipal programs for autonomous vehicles for public transportation to the Second
15 Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill authorizes municipalities to enter into memoranda of agreement with the
18 Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Professional
19 and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop, test and operate pilot programs
20 for the use of autonomous vehicles for public transportation until March 31, 2022. It
21 requires any municipality that develops, tests or operates a pilot program to submit a
22 report regarding the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
23 having jurisdiction over transportation matters by December 1, 2021, and it authorizes the
24 joint standing committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th
25 Legislature.