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U.S. House of Representatives Committee Releases Highly Autonomous Vehicles Discussion Drafts

The United States House Energy and Commerce Committee has released a series of [discussion drafts](#) dealing with highly autonomous vehicles (HAVs). The discussion drafts are consistent in their definitions of what constitutes a "highly autonomous vehicle" and an "automated driving system" amongst a series of individual bills. The Energy and Commerce Committee has not determined whether they plan on releasing the bills individually or as a part of a larger legislative vehicle.

The drafts cover a wide range of topics on highly autonomous vehicles, including preemption of state law with regards to setting motor vehicle safety standards for HAVs, expansion of eligibility of exemptions for the production and testing of HAVs, requirements for the communication of HAV exemption status to the states, and numerous other provisions being considered by the Committee. The House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection will be holding [a hearing](#) on June 27th at 10:00 am to discuss the legislation.

AAMVA's Autonomous Vehicles Working Group will be drafting a response to the proposals. AAMVA is also collaborating with the National Governors Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) to formulate a shared response.

Given a potentially aggressive timeframe for introduction, AAMVA welcomes comments and input from members who have thoughts on the proposals. Please forward any comments on the discussion drafts to governmentaffairs@aamva.org.

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