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# H. R. 4419

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2025

Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Autonomous Vehicle  
5       Accessibility Act” or the “AV Accessibility Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1           (1) DISABILITY.—The term “disability” has the  
2           meaning given the term in section 12102 of title 42,  
3           United States Code.

4           (2) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.—The term  
5           “public transportation” has the meaning given the  
6           term in section 5302 of title 49, United States Code.

7           (3) RIDE-HAIL ADS-EQUIPPED VEHICLE.—The  
8           term “ride-hail ADS-equipped vehicle” means an  
9           ADS-equipped vehicle that is—

10                   (A) offered for pre-arranged transportation  
11                   services for compensation, using an online-en-  
12                   abled application or electronic platform to con-  
13                   nect passengers with vehicles; and

14                   (B) dispatched in driverless operation.

15           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16           the Secretary of Transportation.

17           (5) SAE-DEFINED TERMS.—The terms “ADS-  
18           equipped vehicle”, “dispatch”, “Level 4”, “Level 5”,  
19           and “driverless operation” have the meanings given  
20           such terms in the document titled SAE International  
21           Recommended Practice J3016, published in April  
22           2021, or by a revision of that such document subse-  
23           quently adopted by the Secretary.

1 **SEC. 3. LICENSING.**

2 In accordance with title II of the Americans with Dis-  
3 abilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12132), a State shall not issue  
4 a motor vehicle operator's license for the operation or use  
5 of an ADS-equipped vehicle operating at Level 4 or Level  
6 5 in a manner that discriminates on the basis of disability  
7 against a qualified individual with a disability.

8 **SEC. 4. ACCESSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY.**

9 The Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement  
10 with the National Academies to conduct a study to—

11 (1) determine changes to public transportation  
12 infrastructure that would improve the ability of indi-  
13 viduals with disabilities to find, access, and use ride-  
14 hail ADS-equipped vehicles, including during pickup  
15 and dropoff; and

16 (2) identify options to simplify safe access of  
17 ride-hail ADS-equipped vehicles, such as non-visual  
18 access for individuals with disabilities, including the  
19 consideration of—

20 (A) technological solutions for dynamic  
21 curb management;

22 (B) sidewalk and roadway design;

23 (C) dedicated pick-up and drop-off zones;

24 (D) curb extension;

25 (E) infrastructure design; and

1                   (F) other factors that can better enable in-  
2                   dividuals with disabilities to safely locate, enter,  
3                   use, and exit ride-hail ADS-equipped vehicles  
4                   during pickup and dropoff.

5 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6           There is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to  
7   carry out section 4, to be available until expended.

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