

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 706
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Research Analysis

Engrossed SB706 allows use of a personal delivery device on any sidewalk, crosswalk, road or street in any county or municipality in the state. A personal delivery device is defined as an electronic device primarily operated on sidewalks and crosswalks, intended primarily for transport of goods on public right-of-way, weighing less than 550 pounds and equipped with automated driving technology. These devices must have a unique identifying number which identifies the name and contact information of their operator.

A personal delivery device is prohibited from interfering with motor vehicles or traffic and from obstructing public rights of way. It must obey all traffic and pedestrian signals, travel at no more than 10mph, be equipped with lights and not transport hazardous material. The device is exempt from motor vehicle licensing requirements, but the operator is required to maintain liability coverage of at least \$100,000.

Finally, the measure authorizes a political subdivision of the state to prohibit operation of personal delivery devices in their jurisdiction, but prohibits a political subdivision from regulating the design, manufacture, certification, licensure, registration, taxation, assessment, insurance requirements, or types of cargo able to be transported by a personal delivery device.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 706 creates rules around personal delivery devices. As no State agency is directly involved in operating, licensing or monitoring the devices there should be no fiscal impact to the State.

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Other Considerations

None.