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**Date:** July 3, 2017

**To:** The Honorable Jim Beall, Chair

The Honorable Anthony Cannella, Vice Chair

Members, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

**From:** Rex D. Frazier, President

Michael A. Gunning, Vice President Kara Cross, General Counsel Ross Buckley, Legislative Advocate

RE: AB 63 (Frazier) Driver's Licenses: Provisional Licenses

Amended in Assembly 5/30/17

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Hearing, (July 11, 2017)

**PIFC Position: Support** 

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing six of the nation's largest insurance companies (State Farm, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury, and Nationwide) who collectively write a majority of the personal line auto and home insurance in California, **Supports AB 63: Driver's Licenses:**Provisional Licenses by Assemblymember Jim Frazier.

PIFC and its member companies have a long history of supporting legislation that serves to prevent injuries and enhance public safety, especially when it comes to teenage drivers. Our members have an established interest in reducing auto accidents for teen drivers because they have the highest crash rate of any group of drivers in the U.S. and are four times more likely to be involved in a crash than adult drivers. AB 63 would expand the state's graduated driver's license program (GDL) to all new drivers under age 21.

Studies by the National Safety Council and National Highway Traffic Safety Institute show that California could save more lives – as well as savings from reduced traffic incident related costs – by enacting this change in law. The provisions of AB 63 will allow all teen aged youth to drive, but require all teen aged youth to go through the GDL program. This will make California's roadways safer for everyone.

PIFC believes that implementation of the reforms contained in AB 63 could help to save lives and reduce the cost impact of teen-related automobile accidents.

For this reason, PIFC **Supports AB 63, by Assemblymember Jim Frazier and urges your "aye" vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Ross Buckley at (916) 442-6646.

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