

## SENATE FLOOR ALERT

**Date:** June 30, 2016

**To:** Members, California State Senate

**From:** Rex D. Frazier, President  
Michael A. Gunning, Vice President  
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**Re: AB 2682 (Chang) Autonomous Vehicles  
Amended May 18, 2016**

**PIFC Position: Support**



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The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write over 60% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century, supports **AB 2682 by Assemblymember Chang.**

AB 2682 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles, (DMV), upon the development of a model state policy on autonomous vehicles by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), to hold public hearings on the model policy and consider, to the extent authorized under law, conforming DMV regulations to that policy.

PIFC has consistently supported development of innovative automotive technologies and supported SB 1298 (Padilla – 2012). However, as companies writing business throughout the country, we are concerned that a state-by-state approach could result in confusing and conflicting standards for automobile insurance and other policy issues. This bill would ensure that the DMV at least hold hearings that would consider conforming California law to the federal standards.

In addition, AB 2682 would make California ready to receive funds that might be tied to the state policies that are developed by the DMV after the hearings. PIFC and its member companies have a long-standing record of supporting sound safety measures that serve to reduce injuries and enhance public road safety.

**PIFC supports AB 2682, by Assemblymember Chang and urges your “aye” vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC’s position, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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