

SENATE FLOOR ALERT

Date: June 23, 2016

To: Members, California State Senate

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
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**Re: Assembly Bill 51, (Quirk)-Vehicles: Motorcycles: Lane Splitting
Amended June 1, 2016**

PIFC Position: Support

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 21st Century, supports **AB 51, Vehicles: Motorcycles: Lane Splitting, by Assemblymember Bill Quirk.**

California law is silent on lane splitting. Since current law does not explicitly prohibit it, lane splitting is legal. Though it is a legal practice, there are no guidelines or safety standards to guide drivers on how to safely maneuver motorcycles when lane splitting.

AB 51 authorizes the California Highway Patrol to create educational guidelines relating to lane splitting. Along with input from a diverse set of stakeholders, these guidelines will help to keep our roads safer and provide for the safety of the motorcyclist, drivers, and passengers.

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. AB 51 is a proper step to help keep our roads safer and motorcycle riders and other motorists better educated.

PIFC supports AB 51 by Assemblymember Quirk 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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