



1615 Capitol Ave., Suite 73.771
P.O. Box 997377, MS 7003
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

PHONE: 916.440.7594
FAX: 916.440.7595
<http://www.cclho.org>

Leah Northrop, MPA, MAIS
Executive Administrator
Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov

February 15, 2017

Officers

Ken Cutler, MD, MPH
President
Nevada County

Karen Milman, MD, MPH
President-Elect
Sonoma County

Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH
Treasurer
Los Angeles County

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MSc
Secretary
Sacramento County

Lou Anne Cummings, MD, MPH
Legislative Coordinator
Sutter County

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH
Regulations Coordinator
Marin County

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Past President
Alameda County

Directors-at-Large

Constance J. Caldwell, MD, MS
Mendocino County

Charity Dean, MD, MPH
Santa Barbara County

Alvaro Garza, MD, MPH
San Joaquin County

Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH
Riverside County

Edward Moreno, MD, MPH
Monterey County

Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD
San Bernardino County

Robert Oldham, MD, MSHA
Placer County

Karen I. Relucio, MD
Napa County

Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH, Director and State Public Health Officer
California Department of Public Health
1615 Capitol Avenue, Suite 73.720
PO Box 997377, MS 0500
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Board meeting on February 2, 2017 to take a Support recommendation on AB 63 (Frazier), a bill that would extend the upper age from 18 to 21 years of age for the provisional driver's license program. The provisional driver's license program restrictions during the first year of licensure prohibit driving between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am, and transporting passengers under 20 years of age, except for under specified circumstances. This bill, unlike SB 1223 from the prior legislative session, also authorizes the DMV to impose a fee of \$2 or "an amount not to exceed the reasonable regulatory costs to the department in implementing the changes" described in the bill.

The provisional driver's license program has been shown to reduce the number of teen driver-caused accidents for teens that graduate from the program. However, a recent California Department of Motor Vehicles report showed that 37.5 percent of newly licensed drivers were between the ages of 18 and 20 and therefore not covered by the provisional driver's license program, resulting in a significant number of teens obtaining their first driver's license without the education, training and graduated driving experience of this program. Data also shows that 18 and 19 year old novice drivers are involved in more fatal and injury crashes than younger novice drivers who participated in the provisional driver's license program.

As you are aware, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH
February 15, 2017
Page 2

This position of support for increasing the age limit for provisional driver's licenses is consistent with CCLHO's strategic priority of providing scientific expertise on public health matters. It is further consistent with the legislative priority of providing recommendations on population-based issues that affect the health of all Californians.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ken.Cutler@co.nevada.ca.us or at 530-265-7154.

Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Cutler MD". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Ken Cutler, MD, MPH
President, California Conference of Local Health Officers

cc: Jean Shiomoto, Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles