



RESOLUTION

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TITLE: SUPPORT OF GRADUATED DRIVERS LICENSING SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury among motor vehicle occupants under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Drivers 16 years of age experience crashes almost three times more often than more experienced drivers ages 18 to 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Evaluations of Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) programs in the United States, Canada, and New Zealand have consistently found that GDL reduces the crash risk among teen drivers; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, Safe States Alliance supports proven graduated drivers licensing systems for drivers under 18 years of age, that include: a learning phase and time behind the wheel of at least six months with a parent or older adult; and, limits on high-risk driving situations such as late night driving and driving with other teen passengers.

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