

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 63 without my signature.

This bill takes existing driver license restrictions placed on minors aged 16 and 17 years and extends it to adults between 18 to 21 years old.

While I understand the author's intent of needing to address factors that contribute to the unnecessary collisions and deaths of young Californians on our highways, the provisions of this bill create a burden on a segment of adult Californians that are no longer seen as a minor in the eyes of the law. Eighteen year olds are eligible to enlist in the military, vote in national, state, and local elections, enter into contracts, and buy their own car. I believe adults should not be subject to the same driving restrictions presently applied to minors.

When I vetoed a similar bill in 2013, I believed that efforts would be better focused on teen driver training and education programs that improve transportation safety for provisional drivers. That is still my view today.

Sincerely,

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