

FYI Update -- Governor Manchin yesterday approved and signed **Senate Bill 398** -- changes & revisions to the **Graduated Drivers' License** program for teen drivers in West Virginia.

The provisions of the new law will take effect ninety days from passage -- which will be **July 10, 2009**.

The complete text of the final "Enrolled" version of SB 398 can be obtained from the WV Legislature's website at the following link:

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/bill_status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=SB398%20SUB2%20enr.htm&yr=2009&sesstype=RS&i=398

Congratulations of our Federation members who supported and lobbied successfully for this highway safety initiative !!

Also -- attached below is a link to an Associated Press news article today citing a West Virginia University study regarding the impact of GDL laws. The study found a 31 percent drop in injuries among 16-year-old drivers since the adoption of the GDL program.

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/200905080167>