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**PIFF PRAISES HOUSE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FOR PASSING
LEGISLATION CLARIFYING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TNC DRIVERS**

TALLAHASSEE, FL, (February 21, 2017) – The Personal Insurance Federation of Florida (PIFF) today applauded the House Government Accountability Committee for favorably passing HB 221 filed by Representative Chris Sprowls Relating to Transportation Network Companies (TNC).

“For far too long, TNC drivers have been operating under their personal insurance policies, which may not cover them or their passengers in an event of a crash. HB 221 closes the insurance gap from app-on to app-off and further protects Floridians engaging in ride-sharing programs,” says Samantha Sexton, Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs with Personal Insurance Federation of Florida (PIFF).

PIFF supports Representative Sprowls’ efforts to clarify Florida law and protect consumers by ensuring that there is insurance covering the driver and any passengers, that such insurance is primary, and that there is a clear process in place for handling claims resulting from crashes involving the TNC driver. Such clarity will streamline the claims process and help consumers recover their losses faster.

“HB 221 uniquely addresses the need to protect consumers and the advancing transportation network industry in Florida,” Sexton added.

The Personal Insurance Federation of Florida was formed in late 2010 with three charter members: Allstate and Castle Key Insurance Companies, The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, and State Farm Insurance Companies, to create a dynamic, efficient, and competitive marketplace for personal insurance products for the benefit of all Floridians. PIFF charter members serve forty-five percent (45%) of the automobile insurance market and more than twenty percent (20%) of the homeowners’ property insurance market.

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