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United States Congress Passes \$1.07 Trillion Fiscal 2017 Omnibus Spending Measure

The United States Congress has passed a \$1.07 trillion fiscal year 2017 omnibus spending package ([HR 244](#)) that will continue to fund the federal government through September 30, 2017. AAMVA has performed an initial [analysis](#) of the omnibus legislation and provides the following highlights by division of the bill:

Division K – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

- Provides \$57.651 billion in discretionary spending for all agencies under this division.
- This represents an increase above FY 2016 levels and more than \$5.5 billion below the President's budget request.
- Provides \$500 million, equal to the FY 2016 enacted level, for TIGER, or National Infrastructure Investment, grants.
- Provides \$43.27 billion for the Federal-aid Highways Program – consistent with levels included in the FAST Act.
- Includes provisions that allow old, unused earmarks to be repurposed for transportation projects that can be built today.
- Provides \$644 million for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
- Includes \$367 million for Motor Carrier Safety Grants.
- \$292 million of which is available for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grants.
- \$31 million of which is available for the Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Program.
- \$42 million of which is available for the high priority activities program.
- \$1 million of which is available for the Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators Grant Program.
- Provides \$911 million in total budgetary resources for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
- Includes a \$17 million increase in funding for the Office of Defects Investigation to address concerns with vehicle recalls.
- Includes \$5.2 million for the National Driver Register.
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Includes \$585 million for Highway Traffic Safety Grants.

- \$252 million included for Highway Safety Programs (Section 402).
- \$277 million included for National Priority Safety Programs (Section 405).
- Not to exceed \$500,000 of which can be used for technical assistance to the States for Impaired Driving Countermeasures.
- \$29 million for High Visibility Enforcement Program.

Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill

- Provides \$56.5 billion for all agencies covered under this division.
- This represents \$833 million above FY 2016 levels and \$434 million below the President's FY 2017 budget request.
- Provides \$2.4 billion for DOJ State and Local Law Enforcement activities to include:
 - \$403 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants.
 - Directs DOJ to require all applicants for Byrne-JAG, COPS, and State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grants to certify that they are in compliance with all applicable federal laws, including immigration laws.

Other included provisions of interest include:

- Section 131 which requires FMCSA notice of 49 CFR section 385.308 violations to be sent by certified mail, registered mail, or another manner of delivery which records the receipt of the notice by the persons responsible for the violations.
- Section 132 which precludes the use of funding for costs associated with design, development, testing, or implementation of a wireless roadside inspection program until after certification by the DOT Secretary that the program does not conflict with existing non-federal electronic screening systems.
- Section 142 which precludes the use of funding for NHTSA's National Roadside Survey.
- Section 143 which precludes the use of funding for mandating global positioning system tracking in private passenger motor vehicles without providing full and appropriate consideration of privacy concerns as cited.



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