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New Resources Now Available

AAMVA's [Best Practices for the Regulation of Internet Vehicle Sales](#) and [Wholesale Vehicle Dealer Licensing Whitepaper](#) are now available for download. The best practice guide addresses the retail sale of vehicles advertised and sold online by licensed dealers and private parties. The whitepaper summarizes challenges related to the licensing and regulation of wholesale vehicle dealers and provides an overview of steps some jurisdictions have taken to overcome these concerns, but does not endorse or condemn a wholesale dealer license program. Both resources were established by AAMVA's Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group.



REGION 1 NEWS

Maryland Expands Operations to Help People Get REAL ID-Compliant Licenses

Nine months might seem far off, but Maryland is making adjustments now to help everyone get a REAL ID-compliant license by the October deadline. The Motor Vehicle Administration branch in Gaithersburg doubled the number of REAL ID appointments it can process at the Walnut Hill Shopping Center branch when it cut the ribbon Monday on a new 11-kiosk annex that opened next door to the regular branch. "It's so important to me to make sure that every customer has a great experience," said Administrator Chrissy Nizer, of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. [Read more at wtop.com](#).

Distracted Driving Law Effective Feb. 23 (Massachusetts)

The law officially goes into effect on Sunday, Feb. 23, but law enforcement will only issue warnings for violations until March 31...A new law prohibiting people from holding electronic devices while driving a motor vehicle or pedaling a bike unless the device is being used in hands-free mode goes into effect in early 2020. Gov. Charlie Baker signed the legislation into law on Monday, Nov. 25. His signature put the Bay

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12 | [CD03 State-to-State Status Request \(intermediate\)](#)

13 | [CD04 State-to-State History Request \(intermediate\)](#)

State in the company of 20 other states with laws that prohibit holding cell phones while driving a motor vehicle. Massachusetts, meanwhile, was also the last hold out among New England states without such a law. [Read more at somerville.wickedlocal.com](#).

Erie County Board of Elections Approves New Policy for DMV Concerns (New York)

The Erie County Board of Elections is instituting a new policy regarding how it processes new voter registration applications from county auto bureaus. Commissioners made the decision Friday in response to concerns from the county clerk. Under the new policy, the BOE gave a blanket certification it won't share any information it receives from auto bureaus with immigration enforcement agencies. The policy also institutes a five-day waiting period for the BOE to process registrations done at auto bureaus. [Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com](#).

Deadly Crashes Continue Downward Trend; Impaired Driving a Concern (Vermont)

Deadly crash numbers were down in the Green Mountains in 2019, part of a downward trend in major crashes over the last decade. But new data shows their behavior behind the wheel is still a concern for police. Forty-seven people died in crashes last year. That's well-below the totals from recent years and the second lowest total in the last 75 years. National experts say it's part of a long-term improvement in highway safety. [Read more at wcax.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Renew Driver's License, Change Address With FLOW (Florida)

Florida Licensing on Wheels, better known as FLOW, will be rolling through Century next week. They'll be at the Billy G. Ward Century Courthouse on Tuesday, January 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. FLOW offers most motorists' needs, including renewing driver's licenses and changing addresses. [Read more at weartv.com](#).

January Is 'Move Over' Month in Florida

January is Move Over month and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) urges all motorists to move over for emergency and service vehicles stopped along the roadway. Preliminarily in 2019, there were 182 crashes and over 20,000 citations issued for motorists failing to move over. FLHSMV and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) are partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association and AAA – The Auto Club Group to ensure all law enforcement, first responders, service and utility workers and Road Rangers Arrive Alive in 2020. [Read more at northescambia.com](#).

Fewer Cars Crashed on Hall County Roads in 2019. Authorities Think This Is Why (Georgia)

Across the board, Hall County saw fewer traffic fatalities, crashes with injuries and total crashes in 2019 compared to 2018. Looking back on last year, Hall County Solicitor General Stephanie Woodard said the Georgia Hands-Free Law, the Georgia Move Over Law and safety enforcement around school buses and construction zones have been "hugely impactful" on reducing collisions and fatalities. Authorities said drivers may be looking at the road, but they may not be focusing on the people and vehicles around them. [Read more at gainesvilletimes.com](#).

How Georgia DUI Rates Compare With Other States

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- 19 | [CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)
- 20 | [CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)
- 25 | [CDLIS 3-Yr Calc for Serious \(advanced\)](#)
- 26 | [CDLIS Disqualifications for Federal Offenses](#)
- 27 | [CDLIS Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

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- 4 | [PDPS S2S and NDR Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)
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- 29 | [CDLIS 5.4 / SPEXS 6.1](#)

A national drug testing company recently published a ranking of the states according to the rates of drunken driving, and Georgia finished in the middle of the pack. The findings were based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Transportation and FBI crime reports. Georgia ranked 23rd overall for drunken driving rates in 2018, with 308.7 DUI-related arrests per 100,000 people. [Read more at patch.com](#).

Kentucky Lawmakers Calling for Stop Arm Cameras on All School Buses

The Kentucky General Assembly's 2020 legislative session began on Tuesday, and among the bills that lawmakers may consider is one regarding school bus safety. The bill, pre-filed in August and sponsored by Reps. Robert Goforth, Joe Graviss, Jason Nemes, Steve Sheldon and Jim Stewart III, would "require each local school district to install and maintain school bus stop arm cameras on daily route school buses by August 1, 2023." The bill would give smaller school districts more time, by "permit(ing) school districts with a population density equal to or less than 100% of the state average to apply for special permission to suspend the stop arm requirement for up to five years." [Read more at wpsdlocal6.com](#).

SCDMV Rolling out Mobile Units to Push REAL ID (South Carolina)

It's the new year, which means it's time to get serious about the REAL ID. The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is taking extra measures ahead of the Oct. 1 deadline. Starting next week, the department will begin a statewide tour. Three mobile units will make stops in every county over the next five months. It'll be another way for South Carolinians to get their REAL ID, in lieu of physically making the trip to the DMV office. "The lowest number I've heard is over 100,000 people a day are going to get turned around at TSA checkpoints on the first of October. The worst-case scenario I've seen is up to a million," said SCDMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. [Read more at abcnews4.com](#).

DMV Invites Organizations to Apply for Highway Safety Grant Fund (Virginia)

The DMV invites community organizations, colleges, universities and government agencies interested in traffic safety to apply for a highway safety grant. The goal of the grant is to support the implementation of "innovative programs and campaigns aimed at preventing and reducing traffic fatalities, injuries and crashes in Virginia," according to a press statement...Issues that applicants are encouraged to address through their grant application include "increase seat belt use or decrease speeding; prevent drunk, drugged, drowsy or distracted driving; or promote motorcycle, pedestrian, bike, teen or senior driver safety," states the DMV. [Read more at wfxrtv.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Gov. Holcomb Announces Results of Increased School Bus Safety Patrols (Indiana)

Governor Eric J. Holcomb...announced the results of the overtime patrols that were conducted by nearly 40 law enforcement agencies to create safer school bus stops around the state. The departments, which were awarded Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) grants, issued a total of 2,675 citations and 1,430 warnings during the two-month mobilization, which kicked off at the start of the 2019 school year. [Read more at calendar.in.gov](#).

Michigan May Add Third Gender Option to Driver's License

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is exploring the addition of a third gender option

[Technical Changes - Part 1](#)

29 | [CSTIMS March 2020 Release](#)

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[AAMVA RFP FY20-21514 Managed Services Provider for Silver Peak Software \(SD-WAN\) - Amendment 1](#)

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on Michigan licenses as early as 2021. Benson's office is working to include the option as part of a larger upgrade of the department's driver's license database software, said spokesman Jake Rollow. "We're exploring with the vendor whether there's a possibility to add a non-binary designation," Rollow said. Michigan would become the 14th state to make such a change...In November, Benson announced a new policy making it easier for people to change the sex designation on state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards. [Read more at detroitnews.com.](#)

Report: Minnesota Sees Impaired Driving Arrests Rise in 2019

The number of people in Minnesota arrested for driving while impaired grew by nearly 5% last year, partly due to people driving with cannabis, opioids and methamphetamine in their system, according to a state agency's report. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety released preliminary data on Thursday showing that most of the nearly 28,000 motorists cited last year for driving while impaired, or DWI, had too much alcohol, the Star Tribune reported. [Read more at kdlt.com.](#)

ND Traffic Deaths Drop to Lowest Point Since 2002 (North Dakota)

Traffic deaths in North Dakota dipped below 100 last year for the first time since 2002, according to preliminary reports. Law enforcement agencies reported 98 traffic fatalities to the state Department of Transportation in 2019, department spokeswoman Lauren Bjork confirmed. The total number of deaths could change over the next month — particularly if any injuries suffered in a 2019 traffic incident result in death — but the figure is not expected to fluctuate substantially, Bjork said. About 42% of the 2019 deaths were alcohol-related, 25% were speed-related, and in about 47% of fatal collisions, the victims were not wearing a seatbelt, according to a press release from Gov. Doug Burgum's office. [Read more at grandforksherald.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

State Senator Seeks Delay in Alaska REAL ID Requirement

A rural state senator has called on Gov. Mike Dunleavy to seek a delay in the implementation of Alaska Real ID driver licenses. Sen. Donny Olson, D-Golovin, on Thursday said Dunleavy should use his influence with President Donald Trump to delay the Real ID requirement, scheduled to take effect Oct. 1...Olson noted in a press release that the state Department of Administration is seeking \$60,000 in donations from Alaskans for an outreach program that could help rural Alaskans who don't have Division of Motor Vehicle offices in their communities obtain REAL ID drivers licenses. [Read more at timesunion.com.](#)

TAMPON, DENIED: Arizona's Rejected Vanity Plates

You can wear your heart on your sleeve, but not necessarily on your license plate. Whether you will be allowed to pay \$25 to squeeze your preferred beer brand, favorite nighttime activity, random thought, or true passion onto that tinny rectangle on the back of your car — or whether you will be denied — is at the discretion of the Arizona Department of Transportation. To date, the department has disapproved precisely 35,727 vanity plate applications. [Read more at phoenixnewtimes.com.](#)

Colorado DMV Joining State-To-State Verification System

On Monday, Jan. 27, Colorado is expected to implement the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' (AAMVA) State-to-State (S2S) information sharing program, joining 26 other participating states. "By joining the program, Colorado's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is helping to protect our customers against identity theft and ensuring Coloradans only have one REAL ID-compliant driver license or ID

card," the division said in a release Tuesday. [Read more at fortmorganimes.com.](#)

Too Risqué for Roads: 137 Rejected Utah Vanity License Plates

After the popularity of a story about rejected vanity license plates in Idaho, 2News decided to get a list of those deemed inappropriate for Utah roads. Scroll through our gallery above...to see 137 rejected Utah vanity plate requests. WARNING: Some of the rejected plates are adult in nature. Viewer discretion advised. 2News received the information from the Utah Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV gave 2News a list of rejected plates over the past five years. [Read more at kutv.com.](#)

Stricter Child Car Seat Law May Mean Longer Booster Seat Use (Washington)

Not a parent myself, I have to admit the concerns of the child-toting crowd are a blind spot for me. So I was glad to have The Herald's "I Brake For Moms" columnist, Jennifer Bardsley, email me about the state's new car seat law that took effect Jan. 1. Essentially the altered rules mean more children will need a child seat or booster seat for longer in the hopes of improving their safety in a collision. The law retained the ticket penalty for drivers if passengers younger than 16 are not using the correct car seat, booster seat or seat belt for their age and size. [Read more at heraldnet.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Trump Administration Unveils Latest Guidelines for Autonomous Vehicle Makers

The Trump administration on Wednesday revealed its latest series of guidelines for autonomous vehicle makers to ensure better safety and consistency as the technology grows. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao unveiled the proposed guidelines, "Automated Vehicles 4.0" (AV 4.0), in a speech at CES gadget show in Las Vegas. "The goals are simple. ... Improve safety, security and quality of life for all Americans," she said. [Read more at thehill.com.](#)

Tesla Crashes Highlight 'Black Box' Challenge for Investigations

Two collisions involving Tesla Inc. vehicles left three people dead on Sunday and police in Indiana and California are still trying to answer an unfamiliar question: who, or what, was in control at the time of the crash?...The distinction will be important in determining the cause of the crashes and in answering questions regulators have posed about the industry's rapid shift to vehicles that take over some — or all — of the functions of a driver...Conventional vehicles have for years been outfitted with so-called event data recorders, the "black box" that logs critical information needed to piece together a crash sequence, such as braking, airbag deployment and other measurements that can be downloaded via widely-available tools. Data detailing the performance of automated driving technologies in the seconds before a crash, however, are only accessible by vehicle manufacturers. [Read more at claimsjournal.com.](#)

Canada's Damon Unveils Smart, Connected Motorcycle at CES 2020

Canada-based Damon Motorcycles, which claims to have developed the world's smartest, safest, and most powerful electric motorcycle christened 'Hypersport', has unveiled it at the CES 2020. The Hypersport is an electric superbike which is equipped with Damon's 'CoPilot' tech, which is an advanced warning system powered by BlackBerry QNX technology, is claimed to set a new standard in motorcycle safety, awareness and connectivity for a new generation of

motorcyclists. [Read more at autocarpro.in.](#)

FMCSA Postpones Queries After Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse Crash

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is providing temporary relief to employers who are trying to hire new truck drivers but are unable to complete required background checks in the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse...Pre-employment queries became a federal requirement for carriers as of Jan. 6, when the clearinghouse opened for conducting such checks. However, the system began crashing over the past several days due to a flood of registrations and query requests. [Read more at freightwaves.com.](#)

Everything CES 2020 Taught Us About the Exciting Future of Autonomous Cars

Fully autonomous cars aren't quite ready to roam the streets unsupervised yet, but at CES 2020 automakers from around the globe gathered to show just how close they're getting to delivering on years of promise. Here's our complete guide to the current state of self-driving tech, direct from the show floor. [Read more at techradar.com.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter to view the message posts, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

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Governor Ned Lamont @GovNedLamont | [View the Tweet](#)

My driver's license was up to be renewed so I stopped by the Norwalk @ctdmv to get that done and chatted with folks to see how things were going.

Over the year we've reduced wait times 44.7%. We're getting things moving and will continue making reforms to make it more efficient.



DC DMV @dcdmv | [View the Tweet](#)

Director Robinson is speaking tonight with constituents at ANC 4B06 community meeting about REAL ID and the upcoming compliance deadline of October 1, 2020.



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As we usher in 2020, lets take a look back at some of our adventures from 2019.
#YearInReview #MDOTScenes



FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

FHP's Office of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement conducted a multi-carrier outreach for the Master Logger Continuing Education program. Discussing topics involving traffic laws, CFR regulations, distracted driving, secured loads and several other safety topics. #CVE



Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | [View the Tweet](#)

If you see flashing lights, move over or slow down if you cannot move over. Our men and women in uniform are simply serving and protecting. Let's help protect them as well. #GAMoveOver #GASlowDown



VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Show police officers and sheriff's deputies some love on #NationalLawEnforcementDay and #MoveOver.

Each and every time you see flashing lights ahead, #LeaveALane so law enforcement has room to work that crash or assist a motorist. It's the law and the right thing to do!



CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

@SenatorCrowder and #Lamar #Colorado Mayor Kirk Crespino were among the guests at the ribbon cutting for the new, larger office. #DYM the Lamar #DMV is now open 5 days a week?



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