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**OUR EVENTS**

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12-13 | [2020 February State to State Working Group Meeting](#)  
Miami, FL

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26-27 | [2020 February Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide Working Group Meeting](#)  
Savannah, GA

**MARCH**



**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

**AAMVA Joins USDOT Human Trafficking Initiative**



This week, AAMVA participated in an [event](#) hosted by the U.S. DOT and joined a number of organizations to sign the [Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking](#) pledge. With opening remarks by Kendis Paris, Executive Director of Truckers Against Trafficking, and insights offered by several state and national leaders, the event aimed to challenge the transportation sector to commit to "100 Pledges in 100 Days." This pledge

renews the focus on the need to train the transportation workforce, and raises public awareness of the issue of human trafficking, or modern day slavery, across all modes of transportation.

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**MD Bill Would Make Helmets Optional for Most Motorcyclists (Maryland)**

Helmets would no longer be mandatory for most motorcycle riders in Maryland under a bill expected to be heard in a state Senate committee Tuesday. Senate bill 237 would make motorcyclists and their passengers exempt from wearing a helmet if the motorcycle operator is 21 or older, has at least two years of riding experience and has completed an approved safety course. [Read more at wtop.com.](#)

**As Lawmakers Decide Fate of Driver's License Bill, Activists Stage Hunger Strike at Massachusetts State House**

While Gov. Charlie Baker addressed reporters in the House Speaker's office Monday afternoon, activists with empty bellies sat on the floor of Nurse's Hall chanting protest songs. "Licencias, si! Promesas, no," they said, which means "yes to licenses, no to promises" in English. About two dozen activists with Movimiento Cosecha, an immigrant advocacy group, spent the first day of their hunger strike rallying for a bill that would expand driver's licenses to immigrants regardless of legal status. [Read more at masslive.com.](#)

**Huge Turnout Against Bill to Require Motorcyclists Wear Helmets in NH (New Hampshire)**

A horrific crash that took the lives of seven motorcyclists last summer and seriously injured three others in Randolph was barely mentioned at a public hearing Tuesday that drew about 300 motorcycle enthusiasts to oppose a bill mandating helmet use.

**\*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).**

## FEBRUARY - CDLIS

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- 4 | [CDLIS Reports Data Quality \(intermediate\)](#)
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Under House Bill 1621, motorcyclists and their riders would be required to wear helmets as would those riding mopeds and motorized scooters. [Read more at eagletribune.com](#).

## Big Changes for NJ Driver's Licenses, Real ID as Walk-Ins Allowed (New Jersey)

New Jersey continues to make changes and expand services now that drivers' licenses and state IDs must be REAL ID compliant by late 2020. The Motor Vehicle Commission will now allow customers whose licenses/IDs are close to expiration to get REAL ID driver licenses and non-driver IDs without an appointment on a test basis. Such "walk-ins" will be allowed only for renewals, only on selected dates and only at participating locations, the MVC said. [Read more at patch.com](#).

## Trump Administration Freezes Global Entry Enrollment in New York Over Immigration Law

The Department of Homeland Security temporarily barred New Yorkers on Wednesday from enrolling in Global Entry and similar programs that allow travelers to speed through borders and airport lines, escalating a conflict between the Trump administration and the state over a law that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. Chad Wolf, the acting secretary of homeland security, said in a letter to the New York State government that residents would no longer be able to apply for such programs because of the so-called Green Light Law. [Read more at nytimes.com](#).

## Governor Cuomo Signs Limousine Safety Reforms (New York)

"We wanted to do what was right, and maybe have a legacy for the kids, that their deaths weren't in vain," said Kevin Cushing. Kevin Cushing's son, Patrick, was one of 20 people killed in the Schoharie limo crash back in 2018. Since then, he and the other victims' families have been pushing for stricter safety regulations, turning their grief into activism. Monday, those regulations were signed into law. [Read more at cbs6albany.com](#).

## NS Court Says Man's Rights Not Infringed When GRABHER Licence Plate Was Revoked (Nova Scotia)

A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has dismissed a claim by a man who says the province infringed on his freedom of expression when it revoked a licence plate personalized with his surname -- Grabher...In a 50-page decision released Friday, Justice Darlene Jamieson said there is no constitutionally protected right to freedom of expression in a government-owned, personalized licence plate. [Read more at atlantic.ctvnews.ca](#).

## Need a New Ontario Licence Plate? It's Going to Look a Little Different

As of Feb. 1, anyone in need of a new Ontario licence plate will get one of the province's 'new and improved' plates. The new plates are supposed to be more durable, more reflective and have the new slogan, 'A place to grow.' But perhaps one of the most visible changes is the colour, with new plates in vibrant shades of blue instead of the traditional white. The plates are also completely flat and have gotten smaller, to match the North American standard. [Read more at london.ctvnews.ca](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

## Georgia Department of Driver Services Offers New Option for Taking Driver's License Road Tests

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12 | [SPEXS WEB UI and Reports \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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The Georgia Department of Driver Services is offering an additional option for teens and older drivers who need to take a road test for a Georgia driver's license, according to a DDS press release issued Friday. Customers may continue to make an appointment for a road-skills test at a DDS center, or they can take the driver's test with an approved driver's education instructor after completing a driver's ed program. [Read more at savannahnow.com.](#)

### First Driverless Shuttle Bus in North Carolina Navigates NC State

A brand new shuttle bus launches on the NC State University campus on Friday, but don't look for a driver or even a steering wheel. The university is testing a driverless, 12-passenger shuttle on the Centennial Campus. It is a partnership between NC State and the NC Department of Transportation and it represents a first anywhere in North Carolina. [Read more at abc11.com.](#)

### Virginia Senate Unanimously Passes Bill to End Driver's License Suspensions for Unpaid Court Fines

The Virginia Senate unanimously passed legislation Monday that would put an end to the practice of suspending the driver's licenses of those who have not paid their court fines or costs. A similar measure from the bill's sponsor, Sen. William Stanley (R-Franklin), failed to get through the Republican-controlled House Courts of Justice subcommittee last February. In April 2019, Virginia lawmakers voted to approve a budget amendment from Gov. Ralph Northam that reinstated licenses for more than 600,000 Virginians. [Read more at wric.com.](#)

### Bill Allowing Non-U.S. Citizens to Get Special Driver's License in Virginia Passes Through Senate Committee

A Senate committee advanced a bill that would grant non-U.S. citizens a unique driver's license in the state of Virginia. SB 643 and SB 34 were originally two different bills that were incorporated into the same legislation. Senate Bill 643 removes citizenship requirements and legal presence requirements necessary to obtain a driver's license in the Commonwealth. [Read more at 13newsnow.com.](#)

### Non-Binary Option on VA Driver's Licenses Passes VA Senate (Virginia)

Virginia is joining the growing list of states to offer a non-binary option for applicants who don't identify as a man or a woman. The Virginia Senate passed a bill...requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to offer any applicant the option to choose between "male," "female," or "non-binary." The non-binary option would be designated with an "X." [Read more at wjla.com.](#)

### Lawmakers Looking to End Driver's License Suspensions Over Fines (West Virginia)

Both chambers in the West Virginia Legislature are considering legislation to end driver's license suspensions over unpaid fines and court costs. The Senate Judiciary and House Technology and Infrastructure committees have received Senate Bill 563 and House Bill 4548 respectively. Delegate Danny Hamrick, R-Harrison, said the measures address economic and social issues. [Read more at wvmetronews.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

### City, Business Leaders Turn out in Force for Spanish-Language Driver's License Bill (South Dakota)

South Dakota's economy can't be at its peak performance while it has an English-only driver's license test as a barrier for hiring, Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender told senators. Community leaders, business managers and Latinos from across South

[Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

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OPEN RFPs

## FEBRUARY

[AAMVA RFP FY21-21879: 2020](#)

Dakota joined in making the case for Senate Bill 70, which would allow the state to offer a Spanish-language written driver's license test, for nearly an hour before the Senate Transportation Committee, which will vote on the bill on Friday. The committee's room was standing room only, with supporters wearing stickers stating, "Let's get to work!" [Read more at argusleader.com.](#)

## Ohio BMV Introduces New Online Check-In

That's how a new registration system-now in use at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office in Marietta-is set up to work. Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted introduced the new system Tuesday in Marietta: the third Ohio city where the program is in use. People can go online, including on their phones, to get in place in line for BMV services. [Read more at wtap.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### DMV Opens New Branch at Anchorage Airport to Process REAL IDs (Alaska)

Anticipating a rush of Alaskans applying to get a REAL ID before the October deadline, the Division of Motor Vehicles has opened a new location where people can go to receive them. The new branch of the DMV is located in the North Terminal of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. [Read more at ktva.com.](#)

### DMV Photo Do-Over? New California Bill Would Allow You to Take up to 3 Driver's License Photos

Khloe Kardashian brought a beauty and lighting team with her to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get the perfect photo. But, if you don't want to go to that extreme a new bill would allow you to take up to three driver's license photos and select your favorite. Assemblyman Phillip Chen, R-Diamond Bar, has introduced legislation that would allow people who don't like their DMV photo to ask for a do-over. [Read more at abc7news.com.](#)

### Oakland Company Puts Brakes on Express DMV Appointments After Chronicle Report (California)

Despite a new state law making it illegal to sell DMV appointments, YoGov, an Oakland company, continued to promise people that it could get them to the front of the line within a month in exchange for — until Friday. [Read more at sfchronicle.com.](#)

### Uber Gets DMV Permit to Test Self-Driving Cars on California Roads

The California Department of Motor Vehicles on Wednesday issued a permit to Uber that allows the company to test self-driving cars on public roads across the state. The permit issuance comes almost two years after a self-driving car that Uber was testing struck and killed a pedestrian in Tempe, Arizona. Uber scaled back much of its self-driving efforts after that incident. The DMV said that it granted the permit to Uber's Advanced Technologies Group after the company "fulfilled all the requirements to receive a permit to test autonomous vehicles in California with a safety driver behind the wheel." [Read more at mercurynews.com.](#)

### A New License Plate for Electric Vehicles Is Being Proposed, and It Honors Hokulea (Hawaii)

There's a new push for a Hokulea-themed Hawaii license plate. The Polynesian Voyaging Society is backing a bill before lawmakers that would make the plate a reality. In alignment with the society's mission of "Malama Honua," the Hokulea plate would only be for electric vehicles. There are nearly 10,000 EVs in the state. The sale of the plates would double as a fundraiser for PVS, similar to the sale of the



### [December All Hands Meeting](#)

February 7, 2020

### [AAMVA RFQ FY20-19767: 2020](#)

#### [Region 2 Conference](#)

#### [Administrators Dinner](#)

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### [AAMVA RFQ FY20-21949:](#)

#### [Solarwinds Maintenance Renewal](#)

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### [North Dakota RFP 962-93-20-050:](#)

#### [Electronic Vehicle Licensing](#)

#### [Services for Auto Dealers](#)

February 13, 2020

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park plates. [Read more at hawaiinewsnow.com.](#)

## **Does Privacy Outweigh Research? Utah Lawmakers Grapple With Driver's License Data**

A bill that would require Utahns' consent before the Driver License Division can forward personal information data to the University of Utah has stalled on Capitol Hill amid concerns it would jeopardize vital, life-saving research...It's information that the DMV has been transferring to the U. for decades — first under executive order of the governor and, after legislation passed last year, now under state statute. But Lisonbee and HB183's supporters worry Utahns' privacy is being violated when all that information is being sent, without their consent, to the U. [Read more at deseret.com.](#)

## **Bill Would Prohibit Disparaging Vanity License Plates After 'DEPORTM' Controversy (Utah)**

A Utah state senator introduced a bill Tuesday that would allow the Utah Division of Motor Vehicles to refuse to issue a license plate that disparages someone based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, citizenship status and other immutable characteristics. That move from Sen. Luz Escamilla, D-Salt Lake City, comes just weeks after a license plate bearing the phrase "DEPORTM" sparked controversy on social media and prompted changes to the state system for reviewing personalized license plates. [Read more at sltrib.com.](#)

## **OTHER NEWS**

## **Sites Like DMV.com Are "Patently Misleading" Consumers, Judge Says**

A federal judge has ordered the companies behind a chain of websites that purport to offer basic government services to stop claiming they can renew a driver's license, register a car and perform a host of other tasks. The suspension comes two months after the Federal Trade Commission filed a complaint against On Point Global and about 50 other web-based companies. The agency alleged in December that On Point, Eagle Media, Dragon Global, Macau Media, Skylar Media, Blackbird Media and others created websites that deceive customers into trying to complete transactions like obtaining a fishing license or applying for Section 8 housing. [Read more at cbsnews.com.](#)

## **Banned License Plates From Around the United States**

Rejected vanity license plates often have objectionable language, sexual innuendo and more. Harmless ones sometimes don't make the cut, either. Here's a look at some rejected plates. [Read more at nydailynews.com.](#)

## **Trump Signs Executive Order to Combat Human Trafficking**

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order that is meant to help fight human trafficking and sexual exploitation, which is one of the trucking industry's biggest initiatives. The "Executive Order on Combating Human Trafficking and Online Child Exploitation in the United States" dedicates a full-time position at the White House to fighting these crimes. The Domestic Policy Council will commit one employee to fill this role. This person will coordinate with staff members in other White House offices, such as the National Security Council and the Office of Economic Initiatives. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

## **Truckers Fighting Human Trafficking Are Trained to Be Alert to Late-Night Knocks**

Brian Sprowel has seen a lot in his nearly 40 years as a professional truck driver. He's been to every state except Hawaii and has logged nearly 4 million miles across America's highways. But from his seat behind the wheel, he sometimes sees a much darker side of the country. A few months ago, Sprowel said, he got a late-night knock on his door while he was resting at a truck stop in Quartzsite, Arizona. A sickly looking young woman came up to his truck window and asked whether he wanted any company. He said he pointed to the National Human Trafficking Hotline number on his truck and asked her: "Ma'am, is there something I can help you with? You see this number on the side of my truck? Do you need help?" [Read more at nbcnews.com](http://nbcnews.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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## Drop The 'A' Word @DroptheAword | [View the Tweet](#)

@Kudos to Chrissy Nizer who heads @MD\_MVA The Maryland DOT Motor Vehicle Administration. This recent editorial from her was published in @thebaynetcom

"Crashes Are No Accident"

<https://thebaynet.com/articles/0120/-letter-to-the-editor-crashes-are-no-accident.html>

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## Trooper Purdy (KSP) @TprPurdy | [View the Tweet](#)

Most people don't get a second chance...

Make good choices after the game!

#DriveSober  
#SBLIV #SuperBowl



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

Our Hinesville Customer Service Center attended a community outreach at Long County High School. Sitting at the table are Laura Baum, Center Manager (Left) and Natasha Smith, Assistant Manager (Right).  
#ExceedExpectation #EveryCustomer! #EveryTime!



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**NCDOT @NCDOT | [View the Tweet](#)**

Over 300 people took advantage of the #NCDMV Express #RealID in Durham today. More stops are coming up. Make sure you get yours before the October deadline. >> <https://bit.ly/2RMbAkp>



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**Japan Embassy DC @JapanEmbDC | [View the Tweet](#)**

Ready to hit the road, thanks to a new agreement between Japan & Virginia to simplify the procedure for each other's citizens to obtain a standard driver's license! Joined by State Min. Suzuki & @GovernorVA, DCM Aikawa & @VirginiaDMV Commissioner Holcomb signed a new MOC today!



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**OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio\_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Lt. Governor Husted and BMV Registrar Norman announced today that the "Get In Line, Online" virtual queuing system is expanding to the Marietta area! For more information or to find a participating location visit <http://bmv.ohio.gov>

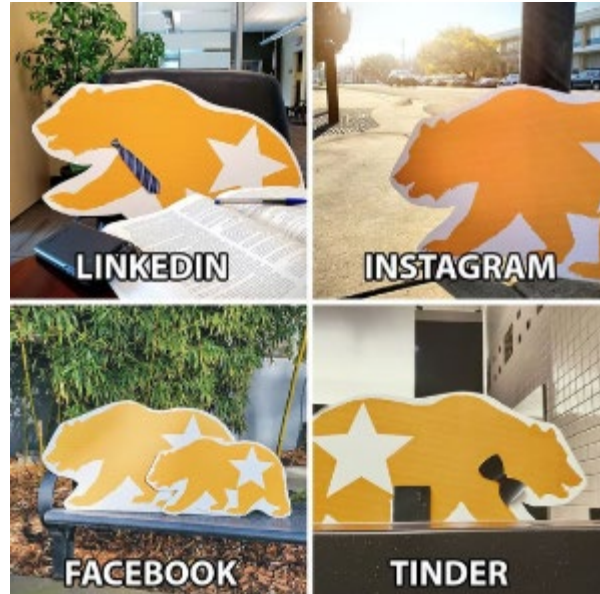




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**CA DMV @CA\_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

#REALID Bear had to get in on the social media humor! Remember to visit your local #DMV office before October 2020. #DollyPartonChallenge #DollyParton #DMVExperience #DMVEvents #CADMV



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**SCDMV @SC\_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

We would like to congratulate another incredible group of New Employee Training (NET) graduates! These outstanding new employees graduated training at #SCDMV Headquarters on January 29, 2020. Congratulations to each of you!



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**Governor Sisolak @GovSisolak | [View the Tweet](#)**

After visiting a few DMVs in Southern NV, I wanted to also thank our DMV staff in Carson City for all their hard work in reducing wait times over the last year and helping customers every day. Staff was also kind enough to let me help out a fellow Nevada citizen!



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