SAVE Message for DMVs from DHS

For purposes of assessing compliance with the REAL ID Act, please note that there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries who present a Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD) that contains a Category Code of A-12 or C-19 and a “Card Expires” date from the list below.

- 07/05/2016
- 07/22/2017
- 11/02/2017
- 01/05/2018
- 01/22/2018
- 03/09/2018
- 06/24/2018
- 07/05/2018
- 11/02/2018
- 01/05/2019
- 04/02/2019
- 06/24/2019
- 07/22/2019
- 09/09/2019
- 01/02/2020
- 01/05/2020
- 03/24/2020

An EAD that meets the above description is valid documentary evidence of TPS required by the Real ID Act of 2005, Section 202(c)(2)(B)(vii) and is acceptable for REAL ID purposes. Although the SAVE response provides a designation end date for TPS, these individuals do not have a definite end to the period of authorized stay. Pursuant to Section 202(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Real ID Act of 2005, a temporary driver's license or temporary identification card issued to individuals who have a pending or approved application for TPS “shall be valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year.”

Please see the DHS REAL ID webpage for more information.

Members Needed for License Plate Standard Working Group

AAMVA is seeking 11 AAMVA jurisdiction members to serve on the License Plate Standard Working Group. The working group will review and update the AAMVA License Plate Standard. It is anticipated that this will be a 1-year project.
We are also seeking associate member representatives to serve as Technical Advisors to the working group. Technical Advisors will be invited to attend the first meeting to provide information that will inform the members prior to beginning their work. Technical Advisors will also be provided the opportunity to comment on a draft document before it is finalized.

If you are qualified and interested in serving on this working group, please complete the volunteer application and submit to committees@aamva.org no later than September 25, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this working group, contact Brian Ursino, Director of Law Enforcement Programs.

REGION 1 NEWS

Marketing Push Picks up for Real ID Licenses in CT (Connecticut)

Connecticut has been issuing REAL ID endorsements on new and renewed IDs since 2011, and has now converted about 47 percent of the 2.6 million licenses in the state, said DMV Commissioner Sibongile Magubane. “We did almost 50 percent in the previous eight years, and now we have a year to do the rest,” Magubane said. “What we’re trying to avoid is that last-minute rush.” She said the DMV will have to issue about 100,000 Real ID endorsements a month to get everyone updated before the effective date next year. Read more at middletownpress.com.

NJ Police Investigating After Someone Painted Their Own Crosswalk (New Jersey)

Police say a homemade crosswalk in a New Jersey neighborhood could be deadly to pedestrians. Union Township police are trying to find the person who spray-painted the wobbly lines at the intersection of Vauxhall Road and Brookside Drive. An officer spotted them on Thursday, which was the first day of school. Read more at delawareonline.com.

This Is New York’s New License Plate. Here’s When It Will Hit the Road.

It's official: New York’s new license plate will include images from across the state, not just the New York City area. The new design, which the state will begin rolling out in April, features a blue-and-yellow color scheme on a white background. Along the bottom edge is the state's official motto — “EXCELSIOR,” Latin for “ever upward” — with images of Niagara Falls, a mountain range, the Statue of Liberty, the New York City skyline and a Long Island lighthouse. Read more at democratandchronicle.com.

Licence Plate Thieves Use Expired Plates to Cover Their Tracks (Ontario)

Thirty minutes after she arrived at work on Tuesday morning, a colleague approached to tell Carole Tremblay that the licence plate on her car was missing. She says she went outside to check and found that her front licence plate was gone, but there was still a plate on the back. Unsure of whether the plate fell off or was stolen, she filed a report with the police online. It wasn't until Tremblay went to ServiceOntario to get a replacement that she discovered the second problem. Read more at cbc.ca.

Research: Video-Based ‘Threat Appeals’ May Lead to Less Texting and Driving (Pennsylvania)

A new study from researchers at Penn State Hazleton and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found that video-based “threat appeals” reduced the impulsive decision-making associated with texting and driving and may be a...
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**REGION 2 NEWS**

Florida Department of Transportation Building Facility to Test Autonomous Cars

Car crashes involving autonomous cars are few compared to the number of crashes caused by drivers in total control of their cars, according to Paul Satchfield, the program management administrator for SunTrax. Satchfield said the lower rate of crashes is one reason why the Florida Department of Transportation is building SunTrax, a 465-acre facility to test autonomous vehicles that is currently under construction in Auburndale. Read more at nbc-2.com.

Georgia Kicking off Annual National Child Passenger Safety Week

The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety and the Georgia Department of Public Health remind all parents and caregivers that Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week is the perfect time to make sure their child is riding in a properly installed safety or booster seat. Read more at thepostsearchlight.com.

New Autonomous Vehicle Test Track to Open in Metro Atlanta (Georgia)

A new autonomous vehicle test facility is due to open in the Atlanta metro, positioning the southeast as a destination for the development of the emerging AV technology. The Curiosity Lab in Peachtree Corners, Ga., is set to open its 1.5-mile test track next week, complete with public streets, steep grades and even mature shade trees. The facility, owned by the city, sits within a 500-acre office park, is free to use and offers insurance coverage for companies using the test track. Read more at govtech.com.

Mississippi Drivers Now Can Make Appointments for Visits to the DMV (Mississippi)

Drivers tired of waiting for hours at the DMV in Mississippi now can make appointments... The new system allows people to make an appointment to renew a driver’s license or an ID card. To make appointments, you have to go to DPS’ website and click “Wait Anywhere Appointment” and select the location where you’d like to go. A screen will then come up asking you to enter your phone number. After entering your phone number, click “Driver License and ID Renewals.” Read more at localmemphis.com.

End to Driver Responsibility Program Brings 1.4 Million Texans Back on the Road (Texas)

Critics called the Texas Driver Responsibility Program irresponsible. Beginning in 2003, the program levied a surcharge on people convicted of certain traffic violations. The surcharge had to be paid for three years. Opponents say the program caused more people to drive without a license in Texas. It has since been quietly taken off the books in Texas. Read more at fox4news.com.

A promising strategy for reducing texting and driving in the future. Read more at news.psu.edu.

Lawmaker to Propose Legislation to Prevent Gender-Neutral Driver’s License Option (Pennsylvania)

A state lawmaker wants to pump the brakes on PennDOT offering gender-neutral driver’s licenses in the new year. In a memo circulated to other state lawmaker’s Rep. Jesse Topper says he will be introducing legislation to require PennDOT, where sex is referenced, to revert back to only designating male or female. Read more at fox43.com.

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Have Ride-Hailing Services Like Uber and Lyft Reduced Drunk Driving Arrests in Austin? (Texas)

Another weekend has passed, and for some people in Austin that meant tailgating at the UT-LSU game or heading to local bars. Many used ride-hailing services like Uber or Lyft to get home, presumably in an effort to avoid drinking and driving. Places like Rainey Street are often clogged at closing time with people looking for their rides. Read more at kut.org.

Self-Driving Trucks Are Being Tested on Public Roads in Virginia

Daimler Trucks and technology firm Torc Robotics have started to test autonomous trucks on public roads in the U.S...In an announcement Monday, Daimler Trucks said that all of the “automated runs” would need an engineer to oversee the system as well as a safety driver. It added that all safety drivers held a commercial driver's license and had special training in vehicle dynamics and automated systems. The firm said that “months of extensive testing and safety validation” had already been conducted on a closed loop track. Read more at cnbc.com.

Congressman Spotlights Safe to Drive Act During NSC Distracted Driving Panel Discussion (Illinois)

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), who recently introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at curbing distracted driving, was among a group of legislators and advocates speaking Sept. 5 during a panel discussion hosted by the National Safety Council. “We all play a role in distracted driving and in ensuring that the folks who are on our roadways get home safe every day,” said NSC President and CEO Lorraine M. Martin, who moderated the discussion. Read more at safetyandhealthmagazine.com.

Indiana AG Stalls BMV Gender Change Rule on Driver's Licenses

Indiana's attorney general is stalling a measure that would allow people to change their gender on driver's licenses and IDs, according to the state's Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The bureau proposed a rule that would require either a birth certificate or a special state Department of Health form to change gender on licenses and IDs. It was slated to become effective in October. But attorney General Curtis Hill last week declined to sign off on the rule because the public wasn't notified sufficiently, BMV spokeswoman Susan Guyer told The Journal Gazette. Read more at nbcchicago.com.

Iowa Seeing Huge Demand for Blackout License Plates

It was two summers ago that Iowans got to vote for the new state license plate at the Iowa State Fair. The City/Country Reboot (below) was the winner, but most people in the Hawkeye State weren't real passionate about the new design...You certainly can't say that about the Blackout plate (at top). These things are HOT SELLERS. So much so that they're selling out. Read more at khak.com.

Some DMV Offices Adjusting Hours for Driver’s License Examiner Training (Nebraska)

Several regional Department of Motor Vehicles offices soon will adjust their hours for driver’s license examiner training...The driver’s license training will allow driver license examiners to stay up-to-date on fraudulent document recognition and the latest fraud prevention techniques. Team members will learn how to administer the latest version of the commercial driver license and motorcycle skills tests, which will...
Ohio Announces DOT Grant for Automated Driving Program
The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded an Ohio-based team of industry, academic and community partners a $7.5 million grant to develop self-driving vehicles. The grant, which the Ohio Department of Transportation announced Sept. 10, will be used to develop and deploy automated transportation systems on the state’s rural roads and highways. Read more at tnews.com.

SD Tallies 23 Fatal Summer Crashes, With Fatalities Down From Last Year (South Dakota)
Despite abnormal amounts of snow and rain making South Dakota’s roads slicker than normal for much of this year, the state’s number of highway fatalities to date in 2019 is significantly lower than last year’s. Lee Axdahl, director of the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, said Friday that highway fatalities for the year are currently down 40 percent from the same point in 2018, and while he attributes some of that to advertising and education efforts, there’s no one factor that accounts entirely for that decrease. That percentage includes fatalities recorded on highways and all other roadways in South Dakota. Read more at mitchellrepublic.com.

REGION 4 NEWS

SoCal Motorcycle Police Officers Show off Their Skills in Annual Competition (California)
Most drivers will tense up a bit when we see a motor cop in our mirrors. It’s a natural reaction, unless you’re a perfect driver who never so much as does one mile per hour over the speed limit. But in a huge parking lot at Huntington State Beach, hundreds of officers were not working traffic enforcement, but on reinforcement of their skills in the saddle. It’s an annual event called the Motor Rodeo, put on by the Orange County Traffic Officers Association. Read more at abc7.com.

Modern HOV: 73% of Californians Support Highway Lane for Self-Driving Cars (California)
As automated cars continue to improve and expand onto public roads, safety concerns linger among unsure motorists. Still, some believe infrastructure enhancements could improve safety and spur usage. What if roadways included lanes designated solely for autonomous vehicles? One new study shows that nearly three in four (73%) Californians would support a highway lane intended for exclusive access by self-driving cars. Read more at studyfinds.org.

Tesla Autopilot Safety Feature Helps Save Cop Running a Red Light (California)
A Model 3 owner credits Tesla’s Automatic Emergency Braking System, an active safety feature powered by Autopilot, for helping to save a police officer on a motorcycle running a red light. The incident was caught on TeslaCam, Tesla’s integrated dashcam feature. Read more at electrek.co.

Abandoned Vehicles on the Rise (Hawaii)
Abandoned vehicles are on the rise on Kauai. In fiscal year 2019, the Kauai Police Department had 653 vehicles towed, and currently has more than 270 pending complaints. During fiscal year 2017, the department handled the removal of 404 abandoned and derelict vehicles, and 498 in fiscal 2018. Kauai taxpayers paid more than $411,000 for the handling and disposal of these abandoned and derelict vehicles in 2017, and around $423,00 in 2018. This year, the county has already spent some $491,000. Read more at thegardenisland.com.
100 Deadliest Days of Summer Sees Decline in Deaths (Idaho)
Ten fewer people died during Idaho’s 100 Deadliest Days of Summer this year than in 2018, according to preliminary data from the Idaho Transportation Department. This summer, 91 people died in traffic crashes, compared to 101 people who were killed in the same time period last summer. Read more at idahopress.com.

Travelers Response to Oregon Real ID Act
On this 18th anniversary of 9/11, airport security continues to increase. At the Rogue Valley International Medford Airport, the Oregon Real ID Act is a topic of conversation. Travelers told News 10 they don’t know much about it, they just know they’re going to need to get a new ID if they plan on traveling in 2020. Read more at ktvl.com.

Washington, Vermont Find a New Way to Handle Old DMV Processes
The Vermont Agency of Transportation recently reached the end of its longtime contract with a legacy vendor — a division of the company Polaroid — to provide photo and printing technology, prompting the DMV to explore other options, and sign a new contract with Valid, a provider of secure digital photo services. The contract for these services begin in June 2019...The Washington State Department of Licensing also implemented technology provided by the company that allows for a smoother workflow. Read more at govtech.com.

Mobility Could Create 100,000 Jobs in the Next Decade. Will the Workforce Be Ready?
Jessica Robinson, co-founder of the Detroit Mobility Lab and president and executive director of the Michigan Mobility Institute, sat down with MMG on the sidelines of last week’s Great Lakes ACG Capital Connection in Detroit to talk about training the engineering workforce of the future. In Robinson’s definition, mobility encompasses the transportation of not only people and goods, but also livestock, food, and even data and information...Robinson also weighed in on autonomous vehicles and when we’ll see them on the roads. Read more at middlemarketgrowth.org.

More States Hitting Electric Vehicle Owners With High Fees, a Consumer Reports Analysis Shows
A number of states are charging electric vehicle owners fees that experts and consumer advocates say are higher than what the drivers of equivalent gas-powered vehicles are paying in gas taxes, potentially discouraging an important environmentally friendly technology...A new Consumer Reports analysis shows that of the 26 states that currently impose EV fees, 11 charge more than the amount owners of similar gas-powered cars pay in gas taxes, and three charge more than twice the amount. Read more at consumerreports.org.

Secure Technology Alliance Announces New Initiative to Advance Adoption of Mobile Driver’s Licenses
The Secure Technology Alliance has launched an initiative to raise awareness, support development, accelerate adoption and educate the U.S. market on the technology and applications for state-issued mobile driver’s licenses (mDLs)...“There is an urgent need for businesses and services providers – from retailers and financial institutions to healthcare providers and other organizations – who rely on customers having trusted forms of identification to become educated on mDLs and...
evaluate how they could benefit from a strongly vetted, standards-based mobile ID. Read more at finance.yahoo.com.

**New Ipsos Study on Autonomous Driving Finds Most Americans Simply Enjoy the Act of Driving Their Vehicle**

Ipsos, the global research and insights organization, explored consumer thoughts in its third annual Global Mobility Navigator Syndicated Study. The study comprises three modules, with the first focusing on Autonomous Driving. The newly released module contains results from more than 20,000 new car buyers from 10 countries. Todd Markusic, Vice President, Ipsos Mobility, said the Global Mobility Navigator Syndicated Study uncovered interesting insights on how drivers truly feel about self-driving cars. Read more at greencarcongress.com.

**10 Things to Look for on a Vehicle History Report**

When you are in the market for a used car, it is important to ask for a vehicle history report. It may seem like a waste of time, but they can be very informative in helping you make a sound decision. The only problem is, you are not quite sure what to look for before going through with your purchase. These reports can be confusing and offer up a lot of information that you don't quite know what to do with, but this list seeks to help you out. Read more at hotcars.com.

**Insurance Group Cautions Against FMCSA’s Short-Haul Proposal**

Federal regulators and a group representing auto insurers are backing conflicting data on the safety implications of new potential hours-of-service (HOS) exemptions for short-haul drivers. The nonprofit Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), which promotes motor vehicle crash safety and is backed by most major vehicle insurance companies, contends that the HOS changes proposed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in August could make the roads less safe. Read more at freightwaves.com.

**The Clock Is Ticking for Millions of Fliers to Update Their IDs**

A major hassle is coming for millions of travelers: Your driver’s license may not be accepted as valid identification at TSA checkpoints 13 months from now. Unless the federal government delays new requirements again—but don't count on that. The Oct. 1, 2020, deadline has the potential to create chaos at airports and disrupt travel significantly. Some estimates suggest half of all travelers may have driver's licenses that don't comply with requirements called REAL ID. You can quickly tell if you comply by looking for a star in the upper-right corner of your driver's license. Read more at wsj.com.

**How Does an Autonomous Car Work? Not So Great.**

There are more than 1,400 self-driving vehicles being tested in 36 states and the District. Some are delivering groceries. Others can be called like a taxi. The industry has been saying a techno-utopia is just around the corner, a transportation revolution that will make society better. But how close is that, really? Come take a trip. Read more at washingtonpost.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.).
Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVACollection.

Check out recent @AAMVACollection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVACollection mentions!***

Jessie Anton @jessieanton | View the Tweet

@maddcanada is teaming up with @SGITweets to teach #Sask. elementary school kids about the risks of impaired driving via a virtual reality-equipped RV called SmartWheels. #yqr

![Image of children wearing VR headsets]

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

"When driving 55 miles per hour, sending a text equates to traveling the length of a football field…blindfolded."

Administrator Nizer speaks at @MorganStateU to discuss distracted driving. #MDOTsafety

![Image of administrator giving a presentation]
New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet

Many important services were offered over the weekend at @FirstLadyNJ Tammy Murphy's #NJFamilyFestival in Atlantic City Saturday. MVC Chief @suefulton led a team to offer #MVCMobile Unit services such as license renewals and non-driver IDs.

SCDMV @SC_DMV | View the Tweet

The #SCDMV awards ceremony to recognize outstanding employees for the month of August was held on the morning of August 29, 2019 at our Headquarters. We would like to congratulate each one of last month’s recipients for their years of service and outstanding work achievements!

VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | View the Tweet

We loved having colleagues from @SC_DMV visit us today to tour our Richmond DMV2Go mobile office and learn more about our mobile service operations. #DMV2Go #DMVConnect #mobileservices
In the six months the BMV ran the amnesty program, 74,000 Ohioans were approved to have fees waived or reduced.

Is your phone an attention seeker? Don’t take the bait – stay safe and keep your #EyesFwdBC while driving. http://ow.ly/8VWl50vZFha
Trooper Chad @TrooperChadKHP | View the Tweet

Friday the 13th Safety Tips:

- Check your backseat
- Wear your seat belt
- Put your phone away
- Drive the speed limit
- Stay away from people wearing masks!
Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS | View the Tweet

Join us for RTZ Wednesdays, a new webinar series. On Sept. 25 at 1 pm EDT, we will showcase Jim Fell with NORC, of the University of Chicago. NORC was a year-two grant winner focused on Underutilized Strategies to Reduce Roadway Fatalities. Register NOW: http://bit.ly/RTZwebinar1