Legislative Alert: NHTSA Issues Final Rule Permitting Electronic Odometer Disclosures

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has announced a final rule establishing standards under which states may allow for odometer disclosures in an electronic format. The final rule fulfills a requirement in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-141, Section 24111). With publication of the final rule, the former latitude of a state to pursue independent solutions via FAST Act authority (P.L. 114-94, Section 24111) “ceases to be effective on the date the regulations become effective.” The final rule adds new requirements applying to electronic disclosures to ensure the secure creation and maintenance of records.

AAMVA emphasizes that NHTSA is amending the mileage disclosure exemption to vehicles that are 20 years old or older (from the previous 10). The final rule amends exemption rules in 49 CFR 580.17 such that a transferor or lessee must disclose odometer mileage for an expanded number of vehicles extending beyond the previous 10-year limitation as described in the new §580.17. This portion of the rule affects all jurisdictions regardless of their electronic titling intentions and provides an implementation methodology to incrementally modify the exemption. Read more here.

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.

S2S User Group Meets in Orlando

The second annual State-to-State (S2S) User Group meeting was held September 11-12 in Orlando.
16-17 | 2019 October State-to-State Working Group Meeting
Dallas, TX

29-31 | 2019 October Region 2 Planning and Administrators Meeting
Atlanta, GA

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13-14 | 2019 November Joint mDL Working Group Meeting
Miami, FL

13-15 | 2019 November Region 4 Chief Administrators Roundtable
Phoenix, AZ

Ian Grossman Presents at National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators

Ian Grossman, VP Member Services & Public Affairs, represented AAMVA and the Road to Zero Coalition at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA). SMSA is a nonprofit organization that provides leadership for state administered motorcycle safety programs. Read more at smsa.org.

AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle Working Group/Law Enforcement Subgroup Members Speak at Automated Vehicles & State Law Enforcement Summit

Several members of AAMVA’s Autonomous Vehicle Working Group/Law Enforcement subgroup were invited to speak at the national Automated Vehicles & State Law Enforcement Summit co-hosted by NHTSA and the Colorado State Patrol in Lakewood, Colorado, from September 10 – 11. Pictured (left to right) are Bernard Soriano, CA DMV, AVWG Chair; Brian Ursino, AAMVA; Sergeant Terry McDonnell, NYSP; Assistant Chief Chris Childs, CHP; Captain John Ehmsen, CSP.

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Florida. With 25 states already on board, and 21 additional states scheduled for implementation within the next three years, the program is on its way to full nationwide coverage by 2023. The day and a half conference provided jurisdictions the opportunity to network and learn from their peers. The meeting agenda covered topics including how fraud is identified via S2S, recent decisions made by the S2S Governance Committee, and a roundtable session.

What You’re Allowed To Do Under Maine’s New Distracted Driving Law (Spoiler: Not Much)

Starting Thursday, a new law goes into effect in Maine that bans the use of hand-held cellphones while driving, and strictly limits the use of other devices while driving. Phones will have to be mounted or fixed. You could be fined just for being seen holding a phone while behind the wheel, and the law limits touch to a single swipe...If you’re talking about a cellphone, and you want to have that advantage of being able to touch it, there’s one tap, touch or swipe allowed in the statute. That’s only if it’s mounted or affixed. Read more at mainepublic.org.

Lawmakers Renew Push for Cameras on School Buses (Massachusetts)

Lawmakers want to help catch motorists who illegally pass stopped school buses by installing cameras to record the violations. On Tuesday, several proposals were heard by the Legislature’s Committee on Transportation that would allow cameras to

CDLIS Improving Data Quality (basic)

CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution (intermediate)

CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

CD15 Update AKA Data (intermediate)

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NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2

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NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the Administrative Features

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 2

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New Information on NJ Driver's License Changes, Real ID (Video) (New Jersey)

New Jersey finally revealed some of the big changes to driver's licenses that many other states already have in place. But first thing's first: You can finally start the process of obtaining REAL ID, according to Sue Fulton, Motor Vehicle Commission chairwoman and chief administrator. On Wednesday, Fulton revealed what you need to know to start the process of obtaining the REAL ID: Read more at patch.com.

Controversial License Plate Plan Won't Move Ahead, Cuomo Administration Says (New York)

The controversial plan to force New York motorists to replace older license plates will not move ahead as planned, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration. For more than two weeks, Cuomo and the head of the Department of Motor Vehicles had suggested they were open to scaling back their original plan, which would have required all drivers with decade-old plates to purchase new ones for $25 — even if they remain in good condition. Read more at democratandchronicle.com.

It’s Now Easier to Get Information on Vehicle Titles, Registration in Alabama

The Alabama Department of Revenue’s Motor Vehicle Division has a new service designed to make it easier to get information on vehicle titles and registration. The new features – the Public Title Portal and Records Request Portal – are part of the online Motor Vehicle Title Registration and Insurance Portal. “The Motor Vehicle Division embraces the latest in technology to streamline taxpayer services,” said Jay Starling, director of the Motor Vehicle Division. “These new portals will improve efficiency and offer a more convenient way for users to obtain the information they need.” Read more at al.com.

Florida Is Deadliest State for Intersection Fatalities, Report Shows

Florida is the deadliest state in the U.S. when it comes to intersection fatalities, according to a new report based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The study commissioned by Autolnsurance.org shows Florida accounting for 10.03 fatalities per 1,000 miles of road between 2010 and 2017. The next deadliest state was Hawaii with 6.71 fatalities..."Our findings suggest highway intersection deaths are common along much of America's East Coast but are most prevalent in Florida by far. Indeed, even for federal highways passing through...
Kentucky Halts County-By-County Real ID Rollout Amid Concerns

With an October 2020 deadline looming, Kentucky is scrapping its longstanding plan to let people get new airplane-friendly driver’s licenses from their local circuit court clerk’s offices. Instead, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet wants to create regional locations across the state where drivers could apply for the Real ID licenses, cutting out the local offices where residents have gone for decades for their credentials. Having county offices oversee the Real IDs, which can be used next fall to board domestic flights, is "not a sustainable long-term model," Transportation Secretary Greg Thomas wrote in a Sept. 6 letter, a copy of which WDRB News obtained. Read more at wdrb.com.

Agency Seeks to Shorten Lines at Driver's License Offices (Mississippi)

The head of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety told lawmakers Friday that his agency is working to reduce long waiting times at driver’s license offices. Commissioner Marshall Fisher said the department has increased the starting salaries for driver's license examiners from $21,000 to $25,000 and is hiring more people to fill the jobs. The department has also started a "wait anywhere" test project, letting people go online to schedule appointments for driver's license testing at six offices — two each in the northern, central and southern parts of the state. Read more at usnews.com.

Oklahoma Mobile Driver's License Program Moves Into High Gear

Add the Oklahoma mobile driver’s license to the list of pioneering state-issued IDs. According to reports from local media, the state is beta testing its own mobile driver’s license program, with hopes that a full program can be rolled out this fall, perhaps in October. Oklahoma is home to some 4 million people, of whom about 3 million are of driving age, according to U.S. Census and other estimates. For these tests, the state wants at least 5,000 people to take part – with some reports saying that 10,000 might ultimately participate. Read more at secureidnews.com.

Illinois Driving Records Now Available Online

Illinoisans no longer need to visit Driver Services facilities to buy their driving records due to a new program launched by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. Motorists may now buy a copy of their driving record online by visiting cyberdriveillinois.com. This new program will allow residents to print their driving record at the end of the transaction. The program is accessible 24/7 at cyberdriveillinois.com through the “Online Services” section under the "Driving Record Abstract" category. Read more at mywebtimes.com.

Iowa DOT Postpones Digital License Release Date, Looking to Expand on Options in 2020

Iowa's digital driver's licenses that were set to be released this year will now be moved until 2020. The Iowa Department of Transportation tells CBS2/Fox28 News they're looking into a new option that makes their digital ID usable across the country. With the new ID undergoing development, the goal is to make it available for different instances. Read more at cbs2iowa.com.

Research Quantifies Car Sickness for Driverless
Automobiles (Michigan)
The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute released a report detailing methods to quantify motion sickness in automobiles in August. With the conversation on driverless vehicles growing, motion sickness has been a concern, since one out of three people is highly susceptible to motion sickness according to the National Institutes of Health. UMTRI Director James Sayer, an adviser to the project, said the autonomous car industry talks about how these cars would free up time for passengers, allowing them to even watch movies. But motion sickness needs to be addressed before this idea can be made into reality, Sayer said. Read more at michigandaily.com.

Michigan Drivers Could Soon Have Digital Licenses
Soon your driver’s license or state identification card could be in the palm of your hand – but instead of a plastic card, now on your mobile device. Michigan users would be able to pull up their id virtually, on their phones. An app using a special QR code would hold all their information, similar to a plastic ID. A QR code consists of black and white squares used for storing information that can be read either by the camera or on a smartphone. The unique technological idea presented in bill 454 was proposed by Republican Sen. Pete Lucido, last month. Read more at wbkb11.com.

Missouri Prepares for Real ID Mandate
Missouri license offices and agencies that issue photo ID cards have started upgrading equipment to comply with federal legislation requiring a REAL ID from citizens to board commercial aircraft and enter federal facilities...On March 25, the Missouri Department of Revenue began offering REAL ID-compliant driver’s licenses and ID cards, the final step for Missouri to satisfy the act's requirements and regulations. "The state kind of held out at first and the idea behind the state holding out at the beginning was we were kind of infringing on people's rights forcing them to have a certain kind of picture," said Henderson. "So what we finally got to in the State of Missouri is, you're not actually forced to get a [REAL ID-Compliant card]." Read more at dailyjournalonline.com.

“Buckle Up-Phone Down” Campaign Reaches Milestone (Missouri)
More than 10,000 individuals have accepted the “Buckle Up-Phone Down Challenge,” according to the Missouri Department of Transportation and Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. The milestone announcement follows on the heels of the Missouri Highway Safety and Traffic Blueprint Conference held in Columbia September 9-11. The “Buckle Up-Phone Down” campaign was created in 2017 to address the two most impactful actions a driver can take to prevent crashes- or survive if one occurs. Read more at kmmo.com.

Services Restored at DMV Offices Statewide After Severed Fiber Optic Cable (Colorado)
The Colorado Department of Revenue says services are restored at all DMV offices in the state. DMVs statewide can once again issue driver's licenses, instruction permits and ID cards...The Colorado Department of Revenue worked throughout Tuesday to restore DMV services to residents...The department stated a severed fiber optic cable was at the root of the problem. A temporary solution was discovered late Tuesday. A "temporary fiber connection" was put in place. Some officers were able to issue licenses and IDs. Read more at kktv.com.

Denver Police Hire Nine Officers to Enforce Traffic Safety and Curb Deaths (Colorado)
Nine police officers mounted on their motorcycles and a cacophony of midday Friday
traffic accompanied Denver Police Department Chief Paul Pazen as he announced the hiring of the officers to combat an uptick in traffic deaths. Pazen and Lt. Robert Rock, who leads the department’s traffic operations, announced the hiring of the nine officers — all recent graduates of the Denver Police Academy — as part of a larger initiative to enforce traffic safety. Pazen pointed to a graphic that listed the five most common causes of fatal accidents in Denver: speeding, aggressive driving, impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and not wearing seat belts. Read more at denverpost.com.

Stolen Minivan Sold by Used Car Dealership (Nevada)
Rene Strid recalls her bizarre visit to the DMV as something she never thought possible. "I was in the twilight zone and it was probably one of the worst car-buying experiences that I've experienced." Buying a used car can be a daunting experience for a variety of reasons...DMV Compliance and Enforcement Administrator Joseph (JD) Decker says his office gets about four stolen cars a week. When their system flags a car as stolen, he explains, "We get notified immediately because now it's essentially a felony stop for us. We have a stolen vehicle outside and we want to identify the person who brought the vehicle in--they could be a suspect or they could be a victim. There's a 50/50 chance. We don't know and we want to make sure that we capture the vehicle before the person attempts to flee and becomes a danger to the public." Read more at ktnv.com.

Oregon DMV Shares Alternatives Ahead of Real ID Licensing Launch
Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles officials have launched a yearlong campaign aimed at getting Oregonians to think twice next year about getting a new driver’s license that meets the standards of the federal Real ID law...DMV spokesman David House said that could create a crush of people seeking the new license when it becomes available. As a result, House said, the agency is launching an effort to explain to Oregonians that, in many cases, they don't have to worry about getting a Real ID. Read more at opb.org.

Brake Safety Week Underway for Commercial Fleets
The annual Brake Safety Week led by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) kicked off on Sept. 15 and runs through Sept 21. For the duration of the initiative, enforcement officials will conduct roadside safety inspections on commercial motor vehicles throughout the U.S. and Canada. Fleet owners and managers should be aware that vehicles with critical vehicle inspection item violations will be restricted from traveling until those violations are corrected. Vehicles that pass muster with officials are eligible for a CVSA decal indicating that the vehicle passed inspection. Read more at truckinginfo.com.

Study Determines Why Younger People Crash More Often
Everyone knows that young drivers are involved in accidents more often than more experienced drivers. Why? is the question this study attempted to answer. The study from researchers at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Centre determined that slower “working memory” was the culprit. Most of us assumed it was either distracted driving or a lack of experience and skills at driving. It turns out that working memory, which develops into your twenties is what helps with complex moment-to-moment tasks that are needed in driving. Read more at powernationtv.com.

Electric Car Owners Could Choose Which Fake Sounds Their Cars Make Under New Proposal
The federal government is requiring automakers to include artificial motor sounds in
electric and hybrid cars when traveling at low speeds to alert pedestrians, but it wants to give vehicle owners the ability to choose which sounds they use. In a notice of proposed rule-making, the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says drivers should be able to "select the sound they prefer from the set of sounds installed in the vehicle." But NHTSA is also seeking feedback about whether it should limit the number of fake sounds that manufacturers should be allowed to install. Read more at theverge.com.

New Study Ranks Most + Least Dangerous Songs for Driving
A new study suggests rock can be both the safest and most dangerous music to listen to while driving, depending on the song's dynamics. Of the 10 songs tested by South China University of Technology, Green Day's "American Idiot" was the most hazardous, while Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" was the most safe. This study used a total of 20 drivers and 60 driving simulation tests. "The association between in-vehicle music listening, physiological and psychological response, and driving performance" was studied, measuring "perceived mental workload, standard deviation of speed, and frequency of lane crossing." Read more at loudwire.com.

Thousands of Drivers Tagged for Speeding During Blitz
Canadian and U.S. enforcement teams handed out 17,556 speed-related citations during this year's Operation Safe Driver Week, in a blitz that targeted the drivers of commercial and passenger vehicles alike. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) made speeding a special focus during this year's event, noting how speed has been a factor in more than one in four crash deaths since 2008. The alliance cited that finding from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Highway Loss Data Institute when adopting the event's "late won't kill you, speeding will" tagline. Read more at trucknews.com.

Truckers Tell FMCSA of Concerns About Coercion, Flexibility at HOS Listening Session
Drivers and trucking industry representatives had another chance to voice comments on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's proposal to change certain hours-of-service requirements Sept. 17. FMCSA officials responded to participants' concerns on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking at a lively two-hour listening session held at the Department of Transportation's headquarters. Many participants emphasized that the final rulemaking should include language specifying that drivers, not dispatchers, have the discretion to act on any adopted provisions. Read more at ttnews.com.

National Child Passenger Safety Week Kicks off With Free Car Seat Inspections
National Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs from September 15 through September 21, is a time for parents to have their car seats inspected for free by trained professionals. National Seat Check Saturday is on September 21. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children. Every 32 seconds in 2017, one child under the age of 13 in a passenger vehicle was involved in a crash. Over one-third (35%) of those children were not restrained in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts. Read more at fox43.com.

@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
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**CVSA @CVSA | View the Tweet**

Check out this ABC7 TV new story on Florida Highway Patrol's random roadside brake safety inspections as part of CVSA's Brake Safety Week. @FLHSMV
https://www.abc-7.com/story/41068648/fhp-inspecting-big-rigs-for-brake-safety-week ...

**IDOT @IDOT_Illinois | View the Tweet**

IDOT Acting Secretary Omer Osman was proud to join @ILSecOfState, @Chicago_Police, @ILStatePolice, @NHTSAgov and @NorthwesternMed at yesterday's Child Passenger Safety Week event. Ensuring your child is in the appropriate seat could save their life. Always use #TheRightSeat.
MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

Today we celebrated our dedicated and hard-working staff at MDOT HQ for our Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony. Thanks for all you do! #MDOTCares

MD Highway Safety Office @tzd_maryland | View the Tweet

“We saw a slight increase [in seat belt usage] from last year of 90.3% to 90.4% this year, which means roughly 10% of people are still not buckling up.” -@MDOTNews Secretary Pete Rahn #MDOTsafety
NHTSA @NHTSAgov | View the Tweet

Just type in your zip code for a list of car seat inspection stations near you!
http://NHTSA.gov/CPSTech #TheRightSeat

PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews | View the Tweet
For Child Passenger Safety and as a parent, I would like to remind everybody to protect your most precious cargo and make sure your car seats are installed correctly. Let’s keep everybody safe. For #ChildPassengerSafety information visit http://www.PennDOT.gov/Safety.

Trooper Matt SCHP @SCHP_Troop6 | View the Tweet

Did you know that child safety seats have expiration dates?

Look for the label affixed to your child seat and make sure it hasn’t expired.

#ChildPassengerSafety #CPSWeek
Buz Zaouk @budzaouk | View the Tweet

What an honor to represent @keatechinc and be part of the @DrvnToProtectVA team presented with the Governor’s Honor Award by @GovernorVA for the Public-Private Partnership between @VirginiaDMV @JamesRiverTrans & @DADSSTech in advancing tech. that will help eliminate drunk driving

Trooper Joanna Batiste @wspd1pio | View the Tweet

Another car seat tip!

The chest clip should be even with the child’s armpits. If in the wrong place, the child is at risk of being ejected during a crash.

The clip is often moved when getting the child out, so check the clip’s position every time you buckle up!