NMVTIS Performance Management Concept (PMC) Pilot
AAMVA has initiated the NMVTIS Performance Management Concept (PMC) pilot. The purpose of the PMC is to develop tools to support ongoing monitoring by AAMVA and the states to support optimum state performance in the system. The PMC pilot consists of three reports and an interactive map. The reports will monitor NMVTIS to capture unexpected activities that can potentially result in inaccurate data or fraudulent activities. The interactive map enables easy visual access to a subset of a state’s profile information. This pilot will last 12 months and include participation from nine states: Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming. Upon Completion of the pilot, AAMVA will make a determination on expanding these tools to all jurisdictions participating in NMVTIS.

TSA, State Officials Urge Travelers to Get Real ID-Compliant Driver's Licenses (Maine)
The Transportation Security Administration and the Maine Secretary of State's Office are urging travelers to get Real ID-compliant driver's licenses or identification cards sooner rather than later...“People aren't necessarily thinking about the paperwork they need, and especially since the actual hard deadline isn't until next October, the more times that we can get this into people's heads, and remind them that it's not a one-hour process,” Maine Secretary of State Matt Dunlap said. Read more at wmtw.com.

New Jersey Driver's License Bill Passes Assembly Panel
Undocumented New Jersey residents are inching closer to being able to be issued driver’s licenses from the state. On Monday, the state’s Assembly Judiciary agreed in a 4-2 vote to pass the bill to a full Assembly vote after hearing testimony from advocates and immigrants...After state lawmakers introduced the latest version of the bill last year, activists pressured lawmakers to move it forward and staged protests in its favor across the state. The bill allows for two types of licenses, one compliant with the federal Real ID Act, which would allow users to board flights, and one that would be issued to immigrants without legal status and others who lack documentation. Read more at documentedny.com.

Driver's License Law Takes Effect Saturday (New York)
Starting on Saturday, as many as 80,000 New Yorkers will be newly eligible to receive a driver’s license as the Green Light Law goes into effect. The long-anticipated law is currently subject to litigation from county clerks across the state and was the root of a divisive, decades-long debate. A Democratic majority in both
houses in Albany passed the law this year and it will allow undocumented immigrants to obtain a standard driver’s license...Still, starting Dec. 14, Social Security numbers will no longer be required as proof of identification to obtain a driver’s license in New York State. Read more at documentedny.com.

Goodbye Medicare Card? Quebec Wants to Create Digital Versions of Government IDs
Quebecers may soon be able to say goodbye to their physical medicare cards and driver’s licences. The Quebec government wants to create a digital identity for every citizen by 2021, Radio-Canada has learned. Services would be accessible with a single online login, and digital versions of identification cards could be accessed through a smartphone app. Éric Caire, the junior minister responsible for government digital transformation, said the project will also hopefully cut down on fraud. Read more at cbc.ca.

TSA, Vermont Motor Vehicles Reminding of Real ID Deadline
The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and the Transportation Security Administration are reminding Vermonters that in October 2020 they will need Real ID compliant drivers’ licenses to board a plane or enter a secure federal facility...“Vermont started this process early, and 92 percent of credentials in our state already are Real ID-compliant,” said Vermont Motor Vehicle Commissioner Wanda Minoli. Vermont began to offer its residents the option to become Real ID compliant on January 1, 2014. Read more at whdh.com.

KYTC Switching to Printed License Plates (Kentucky)
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is making major progress to introduce a modernized license plate manufacturing process in late 2020 after entering into a recent agreement with Intellectual Technologies Inc. Unlike current license plates embossed with raised letters and numbers, the new plates will be flat and printed digitally, reducing the production costs of bulk manufacturing, storage space, and unused inventory...“This new process will modernize outdated technology and make the license plate issuance process more efficient for all stakeholders and vehicle owners,” said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Henderson. Read more at themoreheadnews.com.

Mississippi Hopes Baby Yoda Can Get Drivers to Use Car Seats for Kids
The force is strong … in Mississippi. The state’s department of transportation has jumped on the Baby Yoda bandwagon in an effort to remind drivers to use car seats for their children. The popular “The Mandalorian” character is shown in the Disney+ series riding around in a hovering carrier, despite its ability to pick giant animals off the ground with the mystical energy. The disparity has been turned into a meme that the agency referenced on a traffic sign. Read more at nypost.com.

Driver License Office Hours Extension to Be Tested in Oklahoma City (Oklahoma)
Business hours are being extended at three driver license office locations in Oklahoma, including Oklahoma City. The Department of Public Safety announced that the hours will be extended in an effort to provide better customer service, according to a Department of Public Safety news release. Read more at kfor.com.

You Can Now Apply Online for a Personalized Tennessee License Plate
Hundreds Sought Nationals Vanity Plates in VA During Historic World Series Run (Virginia)
As the Washington Nationals made their World Series run this fall, Virginia vanity plates told the tale. There was “NTSW1N,” “WCHMPS” and “SER1ES.” There was “BABS1R” and “BABYSK” and, not to be outdone, “MMSHRK” — references to “Baby Shark,” the unofficial theme song of the season and World Series run. There was even “MAXS31,” a reference to pitcher Max Scherzer. These are some of hundreds of messages celebrating victory in Houston that are emblazoned on the commonwealth’s boutique Nationals plate, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles via a Freedom of Information Act request. Read more at washingtonpost.com.

Indiana Driver’s Manual to Be Available in Four More Languages
Speakers of Arabic, Burmese, Chin and Mandarin soon no longer will have to struggle to understand the Indiana Driver’s Manual in English before taking the state’s written driver’s license exam in their native language. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles has agreed to translate the driver’s manual into the four languages, in addition to English and Spanish, to resolve a lawsuit filed by the Indiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor Inc. of South Bend. Read more at tribuneledgernews.com.

Higher Number of Fatalities on Manitoba Roadways in 2019
Manitoba roadways have been more deadly in 2019 compared to last year, according to Manitoba Public Insurance. New numbers from MPI show the number of deaths in collisions in Manitoba has just climbed over the total for 2018. As of Dec. 7, 73 people have died in crashes this year, while 2018 saw 71 fatalities. MPI says at least 15 deaths were caused by drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs — down from 2018’s total number of 30 impaired driving fatalities. Speed was also factor in 16 of the deaths, while another 16 involved people not wearing seatbelts, including the death of a child who was also not restrained. Read more at globalnews.ca.

New DMV Computer System Is on Track, but Some Risks Remain (Minnesota)
Creation of a new Minnesota computer system for vehicle registrations and titles is on track to replace the much-maligned current one, according to a report released Tuesday, Dec. 10. However, there are risks that the project could fall behind schedule and go over budget, according to the report by the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Auditor. The report classified the risks as “minor concerns” and described the deadlines, which were imposed by the Legislature, as “ambitious.” Read more at brainerddispatch.com.

DPS-DVS Reminds Minnesotans to Apply for a Real ID
The Department of Revenue is pleased to offer Tennesseans the ability to apply for a personalized license plate online, rather than through a paper application. The online application, available at personalizedplates.revenue.tn.gov, allows residents to select from more than 100 types of Tennessee license plates that are available to personalize. After selecting their plate design, customers then type in their desired configuration on their plate. They will know immediately if the configuration is available, based on a red or green box that will appear around the plate. Read more at localmemphis.com.
With the deadline to be REAL ID ready less than a year away, state officials are encouraging Minnesotans who apply for a REAL ID to use the online pre-application tool before they visit their local driver's license office to ensure they have the required documents.

Approximately 9.72 percent of Minnesota driver's license and identification card holders are currently REAL ID ready. That's up from 7.8 percent at the end of September 2019. Read more at austindailyherald.com.

Ohio Lawmakers Hit the Brakes on 8-Year Drivers' Licenses

The check engine light may be on for a piece of legislation that seemed simple enough not too long ago. State Rep. Derek Merrin (Monclova Township-R) wants to give Ohioans the option of renewing their driver's license every eight years. Ohio would not be the first state to do this. Nineteen others already allow for this length of time between renewals...The bill was scheduled for a vote in the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee Tuesday, but that vote was put on hold.

Arizona MVD Customers to Get Plates, Tabs and Documents Through Mail

The new year will usher in a new way for Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division customers to get license plates, registration tabs and many documents such as vehicle titles. Beginning in January, customers will be able to obtain these items through the U.S. mail and no longer be able to obtain them at an MVD or Authorized Third Party office according to a release.

DMV Director Talks About Real ID (California)

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Driving School Owner Sentenced for DMV License Bribery Scheme, US Attorneys Say (California)

The owner of a driving school was sentenced Thursday for his involvement in bribing California Department of Motor Vehicles employees to provide commercial driver's licenses for unqualified applicants. Jagpal "Paul" Singh of Los Angeles was sentenced to three years and three months for conspiracy to commit bribery, identity fraud, unauthorized use of a computer, and identification document fraud.

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department is working with a company that provides interactive jukeboxes in bars. They're using those jukeboxes to try and discourage drunk driving. Read more at ktvb.com.

Montana Residents Urged to Plan Ahead to Get Real ID
Currently, available appointments to get a REAL ID in Bozeman are about 10 weeks out. Helena appointments aren't available for nine weeks, while the next appointments in Billings are eight weeks away, according to the scheduling website. The crowded appointment calendars in those cities are due in part to staffing shortages, said Anastasia Burton, a spokeswoman for the Department of Justice, which includes the Motor Vehicle Division. State officials are considering opening driver's license exam stations outside of regular business hours and on weekends to deal with the backlog, said Sarah Garcia, administrator of the Motor Vehicle Division. Read more at jhnewsandguide.com.

DMV to Drop Fee for No-Photo Disabled Parking Placards (Oregon)
A new Oregon law will remove a costly Catch 22 for people who need a disabled parking placard but are medically unable to go to a DMV office. While disabled placards are provided at no charge, DMV is currently required to charge customers for no-photo identification cards if they are medically unable to visit a DMV office. The current fee for a parking ID card is $44.50 for a customer's first card, $40.50 for renewals and $39.50 for replacements. Starting in January 2020, DMV will issue these no-photo ID cards free of charge. Read more at ktvz.com.

New Law Will Allow Plate Transfers From Totaled, Altered Vehicles as of January 2020 (Oregon)
If DMV receives notice that your car is totaled or substantially altered after Jan. 1, 2020, you will be able to keep the plates and registration on the vehicle or transfer them to another vehicle. House Bill 2576 passed by the 2019 Legislature changed requirements to transfer plates and registrations for some vehicles. Here is what the new law does: Requires tow companies to allow the registered owner to remove their plates from a vehicle after it has been towed. Allows you to transfer your plates and registration when a salvage title has been issued to your totaled or substantially altered vehicle. Allows you to keep the plates and registration on, or transfer them from, a vehicle that is totaled or substantially altered, or is recovered after a theft, as long as a salvage title has not been issued. Allows an approved customer-provided special interest plate to be transferred from one vehicle to another qualifying vehicle. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

The “Plate-ies:” An Unofficial Celebration of Utah’s Favorite License Plates
Every now and then, I (Max here) get to spend my day delving into fun and relatively useless data…and then SHARE IT WITH YOU! Here are some of the charts I made while compiling the results of the “Plate-ie” awards...Read more at fox13now.com.

State Officials to Discuss Gas Tax, Congestion Tolling, Self-Driving Cars (Washington)
Will Washington drivers pay a gas tax, or will they to pay per mile? The State Transportation Commission plans to make a recommendation early next week, as well as leading discussions on a variety of other topics. As vehicles become more fuel-efficient or drivers switch to electric cars, gas taxes for the state are predicted to drop by nearly half...Also presenting to the commission will be John Niles, the co-author of a book on autonomous vehicles. He will lead a discussion over the concept (and relative safety) of 50 percent or more of privately owned vehicles shifting to fully-automated driving. While no concrete rulings or decisions will be made, it will be a larger part of the commission’s “ongoing examination” of the viability of self-driving...
20 Women File Lawsuit Against Lyft, Contending They Were Sexually Assaulted by Drivers
Twenty women have filed a lawsuit against Lyft, alleging that ride-share drivers raped or sexually assaulted them. In the lawsuit, filed Wednesday in San Francisco Superior Court, the victims contend that the company ignored their complaints and does little to ensure safety of female passengers. Lyft is based in San Francisco... The women are seeking unspecified financial damages and for Lyft to install cameras in drivers’ vehicles, CBS News reported. A Lyft spokesperson said the company is continuing to improve safety for its passengers. The company implemented 15 additional safety strategies, including background checks, earlier this year, CBS News reported. Read more at daytondailynews.com.

FMCSA Extends Drug Clearinghouse Deadline for State Agencies
Federal regulators made final a proposed rule delaying the compliance deadline for the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse by three years for state motor vehicle agencies. Instead of being required to access the new database on Jan. 6, 2020, state agencies will have until Jan. 6, 2023, to comply with the rule to give states more time ensure IT systems can securely tap into the system, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The 2020 deadline remains in effect for drivers and carriers... The three-year extension came at the request of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), which raised five major questions. Read more at freightwaves.com.

DHS Not Planning to Extend Real ID Deadline
Following up on something we wrote about Wednesday: After House Democrats said an extension could be necessary for requiring travelers to use REAL ID, DHS quashed the notion. A TSA spokesperson told our Stephanie Beasley there are currently no plans to extend the Oct. 1, 2020, deadline. Instead, DHS said it's exploring possibilities for an online application process and plans to review options that may or may not require regulatory or statutory changes. Read more at politico.com.

Autonomous Truck Makes Cross-Country Butter Delivery
A Silicon Valley startup has completed what appears to be the first commercial freight cross-country trip by an autonomous truck, which finished a 2,800-mile-run from Tulare, California to Quakertown, Pennsylvania for Land O' Lakes in under three days. The trip was smooth like butter, 40,000 pounds of it. Plus.ai, a 3-year-old company in Cupertino, announced the milestone Tuesday. A safety driver was aboard the autonomous semi, ready to take the wheel if needed, along with a safety engineer who observed how things were going. Read more at govtech.com.

Cannabis and Driving Study Casts Doubt on Zero-Tolerance Limits for THC
People using a driving simulator showed no signs of impairment a day after they smoked cannabis, though they still tested positive for THC, its main psychoactive component, a recently-published paper says. The research has implications for laws and workplace rules that require no trace of THC, which Scott Macdonald, a retired professor at the University of Victoria, calls “not scientific.” Read more at globalnews.ca.

U.S. Telecoms, Traffic Agencies Clash on Plan to Use...
Some Auto Safety Spectrum for Wi-Fi
The U.S. telecommunications regulator voted on Thursday to advance a plan to split a key spectrum block set aside for auto safety to accommodate the burgeoning number of wireless devices, but the Transportation Secretary warned that doing so could lead to "thousands more deaths" in traffic accidents. The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday 5-0 to advance the plan to split a block of the 5.9 GHz spectrum band that was reserved in 1999 for automakers to develop technology to allow vehicles to talk to each other, but has so far gone largely unused. Read more at nasdaq.com.

Worst States for Speedy Drivers (Study)
Most drivers on the road have the instinctual feeling everyone around them is driving too slow. Some are slow drivers, but in most cases drivers are simply following the speed limit. The right lane is there for those who want to follow the speed limit and the left lane is for those who want to push the speed limits. However, the right and left lane speed limits can differ greatly from state to state. Pushing the limits in the left lane in one state to another can vary by 20 MPH. Going 80 MPH in the left lane in one state is perfectly legal and in another state will land you a speeding ticket. Read more at quotewizard.com.

Holiday Road Rage? GasBuddy Reveals the Cities With the ‘Scroogiest' Drivers During the Holidays (Study)
The holidays are filled with travel that involves busy schedules, last-minute shopping, and even holiday jeers instead of cheers on the road. In fact, GasBuddy, the smartphone app helping consumers avoid paying full price for fuel, reveals that consumers driving in certain cities across the United States are nearly 20% more aggressive than the average driver during the holidays, reducing fuel mileage as much as 40% and wasting money on gas. GasBuddy examined millions of Drives in the U.S. during the Thanksgiving holiday week defined as Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2019, noting the frequency of aggressive events while driving: rapid acceleration, hard braking and speeding. Read more at gasbuddy.com.

Worst Drivers by State (Study)
For the first time in over a decade, the nation has experienced three consecutive years of at least 40,000 roadway fatalities, according to the National Safety Council’s (NSC) preliminary estimates for 2019. In 2018 alone, approximately 40,000 individuals lost their lives in auto accidents. These totals represent a mere 1 percent decline from 2017 and 2016, in which 40,231 and 40,327 roadway deaths were reported, respectively. In total, roughly 4.5 million people suffered severe injuries in car crashes last year...Every year, our research team conducts an exhaustive study to bring you, the driving public, the latest data on the most dangerous states featuring the worst drivers in the U.S. Keep reading to find out if your state ranks on the list and get an inside look into our methodology to determine complete rankings by state. Read more at carinsurancecomparison.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 @AAMVAConnection.

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

**CA DMV @CA_DMV | View the Tweet**

Big thanks to @mercnews for giving their readers some important information about the #REALID. Do YOU know if you will need a REAL ID? Read more here: https://bayareane.ws/2rfdLTj  #CADMV #DMV #GetYourRealID

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**CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | View the Tweet**

We're glad to be here at the @COSAirport talking the #REALID Act with the @TSA! Because the DMV acted promptly in 2012, most Coloradans are #ClearedForTakeoff. For more about REAL ID, please visit http://bit.ly/2YnctH

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**MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet**

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It's #NationalAppDay!

DYK? MDOT MVA has an app that helps rookie drivers log their hours, track their driving conditions and much more! #MDOTInnovates

![RoadReady App](image1.jpg)

**Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning @MIOHSP | View the Tweet**

We're going to say this 10 times a day for the next 4 months:
Icy roads don't cause crashes, driving too fast on icy roads causes crashes.
Remember to drive slow on ice and snow. #SlowDown

![Icy Roads Poster](image2.jpg)

**MN Public Safety @MnPSP_DPS | View the Tweet**

RT @MnPSP_DVS: If you have questions about applying for a REAL ID, join us at noon on our Facebook page for a live discussion. We will have two experts available to tell you everything you need to know and to answer your questions. https://www.facebook.com/MNDriverAndVehicleServices …
New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet

MVC Chief @suefulton appeared before the Senate Transportation Committee today to testify on legislation to offer driver licenses to New Jersey residents without regard to legal status. Listen in to some of what the Chief has to say.

#SafeRoadsForAll

NYS DMV @nysdmv | View the Tweet

In 300 days, on October 1, you will need a REAL ID-compliant document to fly within the US. This video outlines the top mistakes to avoid when getting a #REALID.

#FridayThoughts #FridayMotivation  https://youtu.be/Gg5VXVqt8o0  via @YouTube
Congratulations to all of the winners at today’s BMV Investigations’ Awards Ceremony!

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