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## Colorado to Begin Using AAMVA's State-to-State Verification Service

Colorado will begin using AAMVA's [State-to-State Verification Service](#) (S2S) on Monday, January 27, 2020. Tasks related to on-boarding Colorado will be conducted during the weekend of January 25, 2020. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site (Central Site) will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, January 26, 2020). AAMVA is taking all steps possible to minimize service interruptions and will be sending alerts notifying states of Central Site availability throughout the process. [Read more here.](#)

## REGION 1 NEWS

## From PHATA55 to DFWME, Here's the List of 2019 Vanity Plate Rejects from the DMV (Connecticut)

Tempering vanity with sanity is a tricky job, but somebody at the Department of Motor Vehicles has to do it. The task falls to the DMV's vanity plate unit, six rank-and-file employees whose varied duties partly include the assignment of approving vehicle registrants' applications for personalized marker plates — and rejecting any combination of up to seven letters and numbers that falls into the broad category of being potentially offensive, racist or hateful. [Read more at courant.com.](#)

## Mass. Police Chiefs Back Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants (Massachusetts)

An organization representing urban police chiefs voted this week to support legislation authorizing undocumented immigrants to obtain a standard state driver's license. "This bill would promote trust between law enforcement and all the communities we serve and protect," Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, president of the Mass. Major City Chiefs of Police Association, said in a statement Thursday about the Work and Family Mobility Act. "In order for our state's police officers to best do their jobs and remain safe while doing so, they need to be able to identify who's behind the wheel. All Massachusetts families need peace of mind knowing that the drivers on our highways and city streets have passed the same driving test and know the rules of our roads." [Read more at wbnnewsradio.iheart.com.](#)

## Registry Allowing Law Enforcement to Contact Families of Car Crash Victims Expands to Include VIN (New Jersey)

In the more than 12 years since Bette Dubinin lost her daughter Sara in a car crash, she continues to push for ways to help families throughout New Jersey with the expansion of Sara's Law. Sara's Law created a next of kin registry. Those ages 14

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and older can submit emergency contact information so that law enforcement agencies can get in touch with families if a person in a car crash is unable to communicate. Now the law has expanded so that a person can add their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to the registry. [Read more at newjersey.news12.com](#).

## NHTSA Rule Change Allows New York State DMV to Use Electronic Certificate of Sale for All Transfers

In October 2018, all automobile dealers in New York State began using the Vehicle Electronic Reassignment and Integrated Facility Inventory ("VERIFI") system to record their retail and wholesale sales online using the electronic Certificate of Sale (eMV-50). By prior decision, NHTSA limited use of the eMV-50 to in-state transfers only. In September 2019, NHTSA issued a final rule that allows states to adopt electronic odometer disclosure systems without having to petition them for approval. The rule change enables use of NYS DMV's eMV-50 for all transfers – in-state and interstate. Beginning immediately, all automobile dealers in NYS will begin use of eMV-50s for all transfers. [Read more here](#).

## Vermont Bill Would Allow Emojis on State-Issued License Plates

A bill seeking to create a new vanity license plate featuring emojis was introduced to the state's house committee on transportation Wednesday. State Rep. Rebecca White (D-Windsor) introduced the bill, which would allow drivers to add one of six available emojis to their license plate when registering a vehicle in Vermont. The symbols would be added in addition to the plate's registration number, and would not replace any letters or numbers assigned by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles nor those selected by the vehicle's owner. [Read more at mynbc5.com](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Ask Trooper Steve: Can You Get a Florida Driver's License If Yours Is Suspended in Another State?

News 6 traffic safety expert Trooper Steve Montiero answers viewer questions about the rules of the road every week, helping Orlando-area residents become better drivers by being better educated. This week, Louis submitted the following question: "If my license is suspended in another state, can I get a license here in Florida?" Montiero's response, to put it simply: Not a chance. [Read more at clickorlando.com](#).

### A Familiar Face Tapped to Lead Kentucky State Police into 2020

On January 3, 2020, the longest serving Commissioner in KSP history was reappointed to serve once again. The announcement from Governor Andy Beshear came just days into the New Year and brought Rodney Brewer out of retirement to take the lead of an agency he has a 33-year history with. During his previous tenure, Brewer served in numerous assignments including uniformed operations, special investigations, narcotics, strategic planning, academy commander, and executive protection detail assigned to protect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. He held every merit and non-merit rank within the organization including Commissioner from Dec. 2007 through Feb. 2016. [Read more here](#).

### Frankfort REAL ID Office Now Open to All Kentuckians (Kentucky)

Kentuckians can now apply for Real IDs in Frankfort, a move that comes as transportation officials work to open more regional centers for the travel-friendly driver's licenses. The new IDs previously had been available to people living in specific counties...But Gov. Andy Beshear and Transportation Secretary Jim Gray unveiled changes to the program on Wednesday, allowing all Kentuckians to travel

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to the cabinet's office at 200 Mero Street to obtain a new license. The Transportation Cabinet is overseeing the Real ID effort. Kentucky abandoned its longstanding Real ID approach last September with a federal deadline looming. [Read more at wdrb.com.](#)

## Oklahoma Veterans Group Opposes Bill That Would Create 'Make America Great Again' License Plates (Oklahoma)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oklahoma is voicing their opposition for a bill that would allow drivers to put a "Make America Great Again" or "Keep American Great" license plate on their vehicles. Sens. Nathan Dahm and Marty Quinn filed the bill. The licensing agreement would provide up to a \$10 payment for two veterans groups in Oklahoma for each plate purchased. Those groups are Folds of Honor and Warriors for Freedom Foundation. [Read more at ksw.com.](#)

## Virginia DMV Urges Residents to Obtain REAL ID

A line of people snaked through the halls of Rep. Jennifer Wexton's Sterling office and out the front door when a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles mobile unit opened for business at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11...Because the process has to be conducted in-person, mobile visits like the one at Wexton's office have been critical to helping residents who need or want a REAL ID get one at a place and time that might be more convenient to them than trekking to a full DMV customer service center. [Read more at fairfaxtimes.com.](#)

## Texas Radio Station KGAF Says It Was Denied License Plate Because Call Letters 'Could Be Considered Indirectly Vulgar'

A North Texas radio station said it was denied a license plate because its call letters, KGAF, could be confused for a vulgar slang term. In an interview with Dallas television station WFAA, station manager Steve Eberhart said he was hoping to get the station's call letters on the plate of their newest company van. "I applied for it and a couple of weeks later I got a letter from the DMV declining the tag," Eberhart told WFAA, "which surprised me because I couldn't imagine why." The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Eberhart said, declined the tag on the basis that it "could be considered indirectly vulgar, swear or curse words." [Read more at abc11.com.](#)

## Texas Teacher Ordered to Remove 'JAIL 45' License Plate Protesting Trump

A Texas teacher has been ordered to remove the "JAIL 45" license plate from his car amid threatening messages about his protest against President Trump, according to reports... "There is a fine line between expressing one's political opinions and offensive speech officially sanctioned by the State of Texas on license plates," Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston, previously told the paper... Balkenbush, a US Air Force veteran, said he was targeted with hate messages from trolls after his story first made local headlines. [Read more at nypost.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

## Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker Signs Bill to Eliminate Driver's License Suspensions for Non-Moving Violations

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill Friday that would eliminate suspending driver's licenses for failing to pay fines on most non-moving violations. Authorities say more than 50,000 Illinois driver's licenses are suspended each year because drivers cannot pay the fines. Supporters of the legislation say that the old policy limited

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JANUARY

[AAMVA RFP FY20-21514 Managed Services Provider for Silver Peak Software \(SD-WAN\) - Amendment 1](#)  
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employment opportunities and left people unable to pay the fines...As part of the legislation, Illinoisans whose licenses were canceled, suspended, or revoked can have their driving privileges reinstated. [Read more at tristatehomepage.com.](#)

## Illinois License Plate Fees for Some Trailers Have Jumped 555% in 2020; 'It Just Boggles the Mind'

If you own a trailer, the new license plate fee might empty your pockets starting this year. CBS 2 Morning Insider Tim McNicholas introduces you to a man who is putting the new license fees under a microscope. The state has increased the fee for a trailer license plate by \$100, regardless of the weight class. For the smallest class of trailers – 3,000 pounds or less – that means the fee jumped from \$18 to \$118. [Read more at chicago.cbslocal.com.](#)

## Kansas DMV Services Aim to Drive Down Office Wait Time

The Kansas Division of Vehicles added two new options to reduce wait times and long lines at driver's license offices across the state. The agency launched a scheduling platform so people can make appointments instead of showing up at a DMV office and waiting in line...The agency also started using six mobile offices to bring driver's license services into communities...Harper plans to set up the mobile offices at locations like businesses, assisted living facilities, extension offices and colleges. "This is another way we are cutting back on wait lines and the anticipated rush of people coming into the DMV offices as we get closer to the Real ID implementation deadline," he says. [Read more at hppr.org.](#)

## New License Plates Raise Question (Kansas)

A viewer had a question for Factfinder investigators about the new personalized license plates being offered by the state. In mid-January, news organizations across the state, including KWCH, received a press release revealing the new design for personalized plates in the state and we reported it. On it, wind turbines set against an orange colored sunset-like background. That caused some confusion for one of our viewers, who wrote us saying: "The new personalized design is not the one posted just a few days ago on the department's website, and I'm curious as to why the design was rather suddenly changed." [Read more at kwch.com.](#)

## Driverless Shuttle Pilot Helping to Shape Future of Autonomous Transportation (Michigan)

Safety. Experience. Autonomy. Those are the priorities -- in order -- that a fleet attendant is trained to consider when opting whether or not to take control of the autonomous, electric shuttles driving around Grand Rapids the last few months. May Mobility's five-passenger "driverless" vehicles often drive themselves along the existing 3.2-mile DASH West route, reaching a maximum speed of 25 mph. But there are times when the fleet attendant takes control and the minds behind the Ann Arbor-based tech company are learning from those hurdles during the shuttles' first months in Grand Rapids. [Read more at mlive.com.](#)

## Tesla Strikes Deal to Sell Cars in Michigan

Tesla has reached a deal with Michigan that will allow the company to sell its cars directly in the state, bringing a multiyear legal battle to an end. It's a small but crucial victory for Tesla, and one that comes in the home state of the automotive industry. Thanks to a state law that forces automakers to work with dealers to sell their vehicles, would-be Tesla customers in Michigan have had to travel to neighboring states to buy one of the company's vehicles. Tesla owners had to do the same to get their vehicles serviced. But that will now change. [Read more at theverge.com.](#)

## With Deadline Approaching, Minnesotans 'Strongly Encouraged' to Apply for REAL ID

A standard Minnesota driver's license will currently get you through the security checkpoint at the airport, but in less than nine months, it won't...With the deadline approaching, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DPS-DVS) is "strongly encouraging" state residents to apply for REAL ID now. According to a recent statement from the department, about 11% of driver's license and ID card holders in Minnesota have REAL IDs—that figure is up 2% from November. Emma Corrie, DPS-DVS director, called that "good progress," but noted that there are many more Minnesotans who will need a REAL ID and do not yet have one. [Read more at presspubs.com.](#)

### **Ohio Rates at Bottom for Highway Safety Laws: Report**

The state may be focused on ensuring Ohio is at the forefront of the autonomous vehicle revolution, but it is lacking in many of the basic laws that make driving safer, a new report states. Ohio was one of 11 states that rates at the bottom of Tuesday's annual report by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, examining whether states have enacted 16 safety laws that studies show reduce road fatalities and injuries and reduce costs associated with traffic accidents. Ohio and the other 10 states in the lowest category were considered "dangerously behind in enacting safety laws," said Cathy Chase, president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. [Read more at cleveland.com.](#)

## **REGION 4 NEWS**

### **Contra Costa Co., DMV Join to Improve 'REAL ID' Record Access (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles and the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder's Office are joining to make it easier for county residents to get the documents needed to obtain a "Real ID." The two agencies will team up for events Feb. 1 and Feb. 15, when county residents will be able to buy certified copies of vital records, including marriage and birth certificates..."The California DMV wants to make the Real ID process as easy as possible, and this partnership with Contra Costa County is a great example," DMV Director Steve Gordon said. [Read more at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

### **You Need a Star on Your License by October to Get Past the TSA, and Nearly All Coloradans Are Ready (Colorado)**

When the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) begins to accept only "REAL IDs" in October 2020, people across the country will inevitably dig into their wallets to see if their licenses are acceptable for travel. And when they do, most Coloradans will breathe a sigh of relief...More than 97% of licensed drivers already have a star, in one color or another. "Because Colorado's Division of Motor Vehicles was proactive in its approach to REAL ID, Colorado is in a great position," Julie Brooks with the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) told Next with Kyle Clark by email. [Read more at 9news.com.](#)

### **DMV Services to Be Interrupted during Upgrade (Colorado)**

Some of the 35 online services that the Division of Motor Vehicles offers will experience a disruption from Jan. 25-26 during the implementation of a new information-sharing program. Renewals of driver's licenses and identification cards will be unavailable during this time. In addition, the Union Town Center branch of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder will close on Saturday. "The DMV apologizes for any inconvenience the upgrade causes, but is excited to have an additional tool to help protect against identity theft," the division wrote in a press release. [Read more at coloradopolitics.com.](#)

### **Oregon DMV Anticipates 'Epically Long Lines' for REAL IDs in July, Urges People to Get Passports for US Air**

## Travel

If you think DMV lines are long now, just wait. Starting July 6, the agency will start issuing Real IDs, a new type of identification that will be required for commercial air travel starting Oct. 1. But not fast enough. A press release from the Secretary of State says that in order to "fulfill the demand of nearly one million Oregonians who will want the Real ID option, DMV would have to issue 32 licenses a minute every business day from July to October." ... "You won't need the Real ID with a passport," DMV spokesperson Tom Fuller says. "There could be epically long lines at the DMV come July. We really want people to not experience that." [Read more at wweek.com.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### A Move to Make Auto-Safety Features Speak the Same Language

Pop quiz! What's the difference between Automatic Emergency Braking, Collision Imminent Braking, Autonomous Emergency Braking, Collision Intervention, Autonomous Braking, and a Dynamic Brake System? Trick question: nothing. All six of those terms have been used by important auto industry organizations—regulators at the US Department of Transportation, standards developers at SAE International, and influential research organization Thatcham Research—to describe automatic emergency braking systems...Last week, the Transportation Department said it would join an effort to get everyone in the auto industry, including safety advocates, regulators, manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and of course drivers themselves, on the same page, language-wise. [Read more at wired.com.](#)

### GM's Cruise Shows off Its Self-Driving Origin Shuttle With No Room for a Driver

Cruise LLC, the autonomous-car startup majority-owned by General Motors Co., unveiled its all-electric self-driving shuttle and announced that the vehicle is headed for production. The shuttle, called Origin, is designed to be more spacious and passenger-friendly than a conventional, human-driven car. The silver, squared-off vehicle lacks traditional controls like pedals and a steering wheel, freeing up room for multiple people to share rides, Cruise Chief Executive Officer Dan Ammann said Tuesday at an event in San Francisco. As a vehicle, the Origin is a step for Cruise and GM to get into selling services. But as a strategy, the idea is much greater. [Read more at bloomberg.com.](#)

### New Laws Could Protect Drivers from Highway 'Ice Missiles'

Bill Taylor was driving home from work in New Hampshire last January when a chunk of ice the size of a shoebox broke off the top of a storage container hauled by a truck ahead of him, crashed through his windshield and hit him squarely in the forehead...Taylor was the victim of an "ice missile" incident, in which sheets or blocks of snow and ice fly off roofs or windshields of cars and trucks, endangering those in vehicles behind them. Ice missiles can distract drivers and cause them to swerve into other cars. And they can crack windshields, and sometimes cause injuries — even deaths...In many states, it's not illegal to leave the snow there, though some legislators are trying to change that. Many in the trucking industry oppose the efforts, worrying about the dangers of requiring operators to remove snow and ice from the tops of large rigs. [Read more at pewtrusts.org.](#)

### State DOTs Renew Focus on Ways to Reduce Traffic Fatalities

State department of transportation executives highlighted a number of different strategies and tactics aimed at reducing traffic fatalities for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists during a roundtable discussion held January 14 at the Transportation

Research Board annual meeting in Washington D.C...However, he noted one key issue is that 94 percent of crash fatalities are caused by “human behaviors” such as impairment, speeding, and distracted driving. So one key element of this renewed safety emphasis is how to convince people to change their behaviors...Michael Tooley, director of the Montana Department of Transportation and chairman of AASHTO's Committee on Safety, stressed that doubling down on what works in terms of reducing traffic fatalities needs to be done – even if “what works” is not popular. [Read more at aashtojournal.org.](#)

## 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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### CT DMV @CTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

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### MD\_MVA @MD\_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

Happening now: Administrator Chrissy Nizer is live @FOXBaltimore talking about REAL ID and common scenarios Marylanders face. Tune in now! #MDOTexperts



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

Commissioner Spencer Moore is honored to stand with @GAFirstLady and @GovKemp as they present their Human Trafficking legislative package. DDS is proud to play a part in strengthening penalties for those convicted of human trafficking. #GADDSCARES #EndHumanTrafficking



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**TN Dept. of Safety @TNDeptofSafety | [View the Tweet](#)**

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**Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT @DriveSafeKansas | [View the Tweet](#)**

Slower traffic, stay right. #passing #drivesafe



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

Today we are at the premiere of the Communication Disability Law video with @LtGovHusted! This awareness video with instructions on how to opt in to the database was made possible through our partnership with @OHPublicSafety/ @Ohio\_BMV.



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**SD Highway Patrol @SDHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

This video illustrates the real dangers first responders face while performing our jobs. Respect the road conditions and #SlowDown and #BuckleUp. #keepSDsafe.

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