

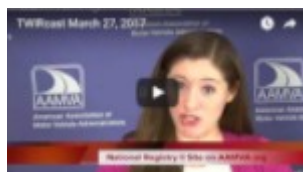


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REGION 1 NEWS

OUR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

5-7

[Disability Placard Fraud Working Group Meeting](#)

Phoenix, AZ

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6-7

[NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meeting](#)

State Unveils License Plate for Team That Left 20 Years Ago (Connecticut)

The Hartford Whalers left Connecticut 20 years ago, but their beloved logo will now appear on vehicles gliding along the state's highways. The Department of Motor Vehicles on Tuesday unveiled a new commemorative license plate that bears the former professional hockey team's green-and-blue insignia. [Read the article at ctpost.com.](#)

Maryland Senate OKs Birth Certificate Retrieval at MVA

People born in Maryland will be able to get a copy of their birth certificates at Motor Vehicle Administration offices when they renew their driver's licenses, under a bill passed by the state Senate. [Read the article argus-press.com.](#)

Massachusetts to Start Issuing REAL-ID Compliant Licenses in March

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[Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group Meeting](#)

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7 | [CIO Roundtable Webinar Series: Part 1 - Promises of Cloud Computing](#)

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20 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

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OPEN RFPs

[AAMVA RFP No. FY18-031: Banking Services](#)
Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

The state Registry of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing drivers' licenses and state IDs that comply with a 2005 federal security law on Monday, March 26, Registrar Erin Deveney said Monday. [Read the article at wwlj.com.](#)

Massachusetts Launches “Future of Transportation” Commission

Autonomous vehicles and ride-hailing services will be part of the focus of a new "future of transportation" commission in Massachusetts. Gov. Charlie Baker on Tuesday created the commission through an executive order and appointed his former chief of staff, Steve Kadish, as the chairman. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

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Lawsuit Seeks to Force State to Slam Brakes on License Suspensions (Pennsylvania)

A federal lawsuit seeks to convince a judge to order the state to stop using driver's license suspensions as an extra penalty for people convicted of minor drug crimes. [Read the article at meadvilletribune.com.](#)

Pennsylvania DOT Reminds Pennsylvanians That Current Driver's Licenses and ID's Accepted for Domestic Air Travel

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminds customers that Pennsylvania is under an enforcement extension from the Department of Homeland Security until October 10, 2018, which means that Pennsylvanians may use their current driver's license or ID card to board commercial aircraft or enter federal facilities that require ID until at least that date. [Read the article at northcentralpa.com.](#)

Speed Cameras Could Be Installed Along Work Zones (Pennsylvania)

Proposals in Harrisburg would allow speed cameras to be installed along some Pennsylvania work zones. [Read the article at levittownow.com.](#)

Pennsylvania DOT CIO Steps Down Amid Consolidation of IT Contracts

Phil Tomassini on Monday told senior staff at PennDot that he is retiring March 30 as the agency's chief information officer overseeing upgrades to the state's driver records and other highway information technology systems and contracting. [Read the article at philly.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Tennessee Lawmaker Drops 'VISA' Driver's License Label Push

A Tennessee lawmaker has dropped a push to require prominent labeling of driver's licenses held by people without permanent residency status. In a House subcommittee Wednesday, Rep. John Ragan said his bill will no longer require the word "VISA" on those licenses. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

DMV to Implement New Registration Renewal Reminder Postcard (Virginia)

After two successful pilot programs, DMV will permanently implement mailing postcard-style vehicle registration renewal notices to some customers rather than the full-size registration renewal packets. [Read the article at augustafreepress.com.](#)

Year After Rule Change, 1 in 6 Driver's Licenses Suspended in Virginia

A year after changes were implemented to help drivers win back their licenses, the licenses of nearly 1 million Virginians — almost one out of six licensed drivers —

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[AAMVA RFQ FY18-038 - Reusable Event Signs](#)

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

[Ohio 2018 Deputy Registrar Request for Proposals \(7 RFPs\)](#)*Deadline: Feb. 2, 2018*

[California Department of Motor Vehicles RFP -- Report of Sale and Temporary License Plate System](#)

Deadline: Feb. 5, 2018

[AAMVA RFP - FY 18-036: 2019 AIC](#)

Deadline: Feb. 12, 2018

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)

Deadline: Feb. 14, 2018

[New Jersey RFQ for a Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)

New Deadline: Feb. 28, 2018

remain suspended, according to a new report. [Read the article at richmond.com.](#)

'Es Cuando Muere': Virginia Senate Panel Again Kills Bill to Give Immigrants Driving Cards

Scores of supporters — many Spanish-speaking — of a bill that would provide a “driver-privilege card” to undocumented drivers got a tough lesson in the language of the General Assembly on Wednesday, when Republicans on the Senate Transportation Committee killed the legislation on a party-line vote. [Read the article at richmond.com.](#)

Norfolk Man Pleads Guilty to Rolling Back Odometers On at Least 50 Used Cars, Reselling for Profit

A Norfolk man conspired to roll back the odometers of more than 50 vehicles before selling them to used-car dealerships and others, according to court documents. [Read the article at pilotonline.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Bills Proposed for Multi-Year Vehicle Registration (Illinois)

Two Illinois lawmakers filed legislation that allow motorists to have the option to register their vehicles for more than one year at a time. Senator Dan McConchie's bill would begin in 2020 with registration up to five years and the price per year would be the same allowing drivers to pay up front. [Read the article at foxillinois.com.](#)

You Can Fly With Your Michigan License Until October 2020

2018 just started but the clock is ticking closer to 2020 — when specially designated IDs will be required to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today that Michigan is fully compliant with the federal REAL ID Act. [Read the article at freep.com.](#)

County Looks for Solution to Long Waits at DMV (Minnesota)

Officials say the results are in and the state of Minnesota's new Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS) is causing longer wait times for customers, more work for staff and more costs for Morrison County. [Read the article at hometownsource.com.](#)

Can This Brigadier General Fix the DMV Mess? Governor Dayton Says She Can. (Minnesota)

Brig. Gen. Johanna Clyborne, who will become commissioner of the state department known as MN.IT on Feb. 2, will have three major tasks ahead of her, she and Dayton said Wednesday. [Read the article at twincities.com.](#)

Ohio Opens First Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Office

Ohio Gov. John Kasich has signed an executive order to establish the state's first office for connected and autonomous vehicles. [Read the article at statescoop.com.](#)

Bill Would Bring License-Plate Laws Into Line with State's Current Policy (South Dakota)

South Dakota's laws regarding license plates for motor vehicles need to get on the same track as the practices already in use, some members of the Legislature recommended Tuesday. [Read the article at capjournal.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Self-Driving Semi-Trucks Being Tested on Arizona Roads

A Chinese startup is already running three self-driving semi-trucks in Arizona. "It's truly a game changer," said Robert Brown, Director of Government Relations for TuSimple. [Read the article at abc15.com.](#)

No, California Didn't Pass a Law Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Register to Vote

In April 2018, a new law will allow Californians to automatically register to vote when they renew their driver's license. It's intended to bolster registration in a state where voter turnout has lagged. [Read the article at politifact.com.](#)

Veteran Designation Gets An Update on New California Drivers Licenses

Starting Jan. 22, the DMV will roll out a new REAL ID compliant driver license, which not only sports a new look, but also can be used by travelers at airport security. [Read the article at oc-breeze.com.](#)

DMV to Offer REAL ID, Special Driver's License Making It Easier to Fly When Regulations Kick In (California)

Want to make air travel easier in a few years? The Department of Motor Vehicles can help. Beginning Monday, Jan. 22, the California DMV is taking applications for special identification cards and driver's licenses that can be used to comply with federal air-travel regulations that kick in 2020. [Read the article at ocregister.com.](#)

Lawmakers Work To Streamline Immigrant Driver's License Process (Colorado)

A bipartisan group of state lawmakers is working to expand the driver's license program for undocumented immigrants in Colorado. Colorado began issuing the licenses in 2014. Immigrants who can prove they live in Colorado are eligible, but only three Department of Motor Vehicles locations issue the licenses. [Read the article at cbslocal.com.](#)

Nevada DMV Ends Contract With Tech Company Hired to Upgrade Outdated Computer System

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles has ended its contact with Tech Mahindra, the contractor hired in April 2016 to upgrade the outdated DMV computer system. "Due to a number of varying concerns, we have determined it is best to part ways," said DMV Director Terri Albertson. [Read the article at mynews4.com.](#)

Alberta-Saskatchewan Licence Plate War Could be Headed Toward Major Escalation

The ongoing border skirmish between Saskatchewan and Alberta over licence plates has so far mostly been a war of words, but a deadline next week could see it escalate, with the potential for hefty fines and possible trade sanctions. [Read the article at nationalpost.com.](#)

Deadline for Real IDs in Oregon comes up in October (Oregon)

A reminder for Oregonians making travel plans in the U.S, you can still fly within the country without needing a passport for now. Last year, the Federal Government granted Oregon an extension for the "Real ID Act" until this October. [Read the article at kval.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Study Suggests Lowering Legal Blood Alcohol Level to .05 in All States

A new report suggests lowering the legal blood alcohol level nationwide from .08 to .05 in an effort to help curb impaired driving fatalities. [Read the article at wnep.com.](#)

New Safety Concerns For Tesla Autopilot After Latest Crash

After a sleek, black, sporty Tesla was totaled after smashing underneath the back of a fire engine on the 405 freeway, there are new concerns about the car's autopilot feature. [Read the article at losangeles.cbslocal.com.](#)

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