

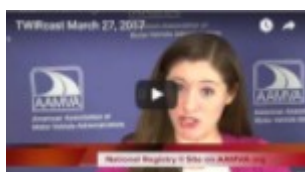


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FEBRUARY

AAMVA Working Groups Hold Meetings in Phoenix

Best practices documents on disability placard fraud, suspended driver programs, and NMVTIS business programs were the topic of discussion at three separate AAMVA working group meetings last week in Phoenix, Arizona:

- [Disability Placard Fraud Working Group \(February 5-7\)](#) - Finalized edits to "Best Practices for Reducing Disability Placard/Plate Fraud" document. Next steps: review and approval by AAMVA, and by NHTSA (the funding agency for the group). Publication is expected in August 2018.
- [Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group \(February 8-9\)](#) - First of three meetings to develop a best practices document. Planned publication anticipated prior to the end of the 2018 calendar year.
- [NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group \(February 6-7\)](#) - Drafting a best practice document related to salvage vehicles and the associated branding practices. The group will continue their work via conference calls and another in-person meeting in April.

Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Seeks Representatives from Regions 1 or 2

AAMVA's [Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group](#) is developing best practices for the regulation of internet vehicle sales in an effort to provide recommendations and education to member jurisdictions for deterring and stopping fraud and deceptive practices. The group currently has two vacancies and is seeking jurisdiction applications from either Region 1 or Region 2; one representative with dealer licensing expertise and one representative with experience investigating fraud activity related to vehicle sales. If you are interested in serving on this working group, please send a completed application to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by February 28, 2018. (Please note: incomplete applications will not be accepted.) If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#), AAMVA Staff - Project Manager.

REGION 1 NEWS

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser Lays Out the Welcome Mat for Self-Driving Cars

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser on Monday sent a message to companies developing and testing driverless technology: The city is opening its doors to them. [Read the article at washingtonpost.com.](#)

Owners of Hybrids, All-Electric Vehicles Fume Over Proposal to Assess Annual Fee (Maine)

Outraged vehicle owners piled into a public hearing Tuesday to denounce a bill from Gov. Paul LePage's administration that would slap hefty annual fees on hybrid and all-electric vehicles. The Maine Department of Transportation has proposed annual fees of \$150 for hybrid vehicles and \$250 for electric cars because many

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OPEN RFPs

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

Updated Deadline: February 28, 2018

[AAMVA RFQ FY18-046 - Video Services for Law Enforcement](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2018

[AAMVA RFP FY18-023 - 2019 AAMVA Workshop & Law Institute](#)

Deadline: March 5, 2018

[Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles RFP18-049: Third Party Title and Registration](#)

Deadline: March 5, 2018

[IRP RFI Electronic Credentials](#)

Deadline: April 14, 2018

owners pay lower gas taxes than drivers of standard vehicles, or no gas tax at all. [Read the article at pressherald.com.](#)

Drivers Hit With Bogus Fines In License Plate Confusion (Massachusetts)

There are more than 35 different specialty plates in Massachusetts and most raise money for charities or other causes. ... When we reached out to MassDOT, a spokesperson told us there are no duplicate plates because the stacked letters (RS for Red Sox, RW for Right Whale, etc.) are supposed to be included with the numbers in any sort of violation. [Read the article at boston.cbslocal.com.](#)

New York Offers New Mental Health Public Awareness License Plate

New York becomes the first state to offer a mental health public awareness license plate. The initiative is part of the state's fight against the stigma of mental illness. ... A standard plate will cost you \$85, \$25 of which goes to the mental illness anti-stigma fund. [Read the article at wnyt.com.](#)

Virtual Lesson on Teen Driving Safety (Pennsylvania)

New drivers have a lot to learn about what to do to stay safe on the road. They also need to learn what not to do before getting behind the wheel. Eyewitness News Reporter Mark Hiller checked out a program on Thursday that is aimed at protecting our youngest drivers. [Read the article at pahomepage.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Lawmakers Pass Bill on Statewide Rules for Uber, Lyft (Alabama)

The Legislature has passed a bill to set up statewide regulations for ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft. ... Ride-sharing companies have operated in some Alabama cities under city regulations. Advocates for statewide regulations said uniform rules were needed to help the services expand statewide. [Read the article at al.com.](#)

New Driver's License Requirements Causing Headaches for Some in Kansas

In September 2017, Gretchen Underwood went to the driver's license office in Lawrence to do something she had done many times in her life without much hassle: She went to renew her driver's license. However, little did the 78-year-old Lawrence woman know at the time that only a month earlier, the state of Kansas had adopted a new form of driver's license that requires much more documentation than had ever been required before. [Read the article at ljworld.com.](#)

New Tax Bills Close 'Gap' for Late Auto Registration (North Carolina)

The Wilkes County tax office is mailing "gap" tax bills to people who are at least a month late renewing their vehicle registration. ... Under a new state law, the value used to determine a "gap bill" is based on one-twelfth of a vehicle's value for each month between expiration of registration and renewal or issuance of new registration. [Read the article at journalpatriot.com.](#)

Police Warning Drivers to Check for Stolen License Plates (North Carolina)

The Gastonia Police Department is warning drivers to check their cars' license plates after reports of thieves stealing them in the past year. [Read the article at wnc.com.](#)

Bill Hopes to Reverse Driver's License Suspension Over Unpaid Fees (Virginia)

Brianna Morgan's 2014 traffic violation still impacts her, four years later in 2018. ... Because she could never pay off her court fees, the court suspended her driver's license. ... Morgan still has not paid off the accumulating fees, so she currently has a state issued ID card instead of a license. ... A bill sponsored by Senator

William Stanley (R-20th District) that recently passed the state Senate could help Morgan and the hundreds of thousands of others who have their licenses suspended for the same reason. [Read the article at wtvr.com.](#)

DMV Urges Customers to Renew Online (Virginia)

An updated vehicle registration renewal process from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is designed to save you money and a trip to the DMV — and could cut state costs by \$325,000 annually. [Read the article at heraldcourier.com.](#)

Renew Your West Virginia Driver's License and Become an Organ Donor

The state of West Virginia encourages citizens to renew their driver's license online and register to be an organ donor at DMV.WV.GOV. [Read the article at businesswire.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Indiana One Step Closer to Street-Legal Autonomous Vehicles

Ninety-four percent of all motor vehicle accidents in 2016 were caused by human error, according to the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration, and in 2015 alone 25.2 percent of all deaths in the U.S. were caused by some sort of transportation accident, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistic Annual Report (TSAR). [Read the article at ballstatedaily.com.](#)

Michigan Governor: It's People Holding AV Tech Back

Driverless vehicle technology is advancing quickly, but don't expect it to suddenly change everything about getting around in cars. The introduction of autonomous vehicles will happen much more gradually, says Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

Minnesota Officials Fix DMV Driver's License Renewal Problem

Minnesota motor vehicle officials believe they've fixed a statewide computer problem that prevented drivers from renewing their licenses, the latest in a series of technology woes for state licensing offices. Minnesota IT Services solved the issue Monday evening, Minnesota Public Radio reported. The issue was related to software connecting the state's legacy computer system to a national database, said Bruce Gordon, a Department of Public Safety spokesman. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

Missouri Lawmakers Consider Doing Away With Vehicle Safety Inspections

A proposal in the Missouri legislature would do away with mandatory vehicle safety inspections. Currently, state law requires mechanical inspections every other year once a vehicle is five years old, with certain exceptions. They're also necessary in order to renew a motor vehicle license. [Read the article at missourinet.com.](#)

With Autonomous Shuttles In Their Eyes, Nebraska Lawmakers Examine Two New Bills

With dozens of states having passed or proposed legislation for autonomous vehicles, Nebraska is catching up to the trend with two bills being reviewed by the legislature Tuesday that would open its public roads for testing. [Read the article at statescoop.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Report: California DMV Worker Used Driver's License Records to Steal Identities

A California DMV worker is reportedly being accused of using driver's license records to steal identities. According to the Sacramento Bee the 39-year-old employee used her access to obtain confidential personal information to open

phony bank accounts, including a \$15,000 line of credit at Wells Fargo Bank. [Read the article at abc7.com.](#)

License Plates Are Going Digital (California)

The Reviver Auto RPlate Pro digital license plate, which is available in California, uses e-ink technology — just like Kindle e-readers — to display license plate numbers and registration dates in black and white. To update registrations, drivers simply use the RConnect platform to renew and pay the DMV online. Instead of waiting for stickers to be sent or, worse, visiting the DMV, RConnect automatically changes the dates on the digital license plate. [Read the article at auto.howstuffworks.com.](#)

California Loses Millions Every Year When Drivers Don't Register Vehicles

Every year, California loses millions of dollars because drivers don't register their cars in the state. Instead, drivers who live in California either register their cars in states that have cheaper registration and title fees - like Oregon. [Read the article at ktv1.com.](#)

California Could Get Tougher Penalties For Handling Phones While Driving Under New Bill

California drivers who talk, text or in any way operate a hand-held device would be charged with a moving violation under a bill proposed at the state Capitol this week. Operating a hand-held phone is already an infraction punishable by a \$20 fine under a law that went into effect in 2017. But under Senate Bill 1030, introduced by Democratic state Sen. Josh Newman of Orange County, the penalty would increase, potentially hiking insurance rates for violators. [Read the article at capradio.org.](#)

Colorado Wants to Know Why Some Marijuana Users Choose to Drive While Stoned

As it continues to combat stoned driving in Colorado, the state transportation department is hoping to have an online conversation with the public about their opinions toward marijuana, alcohol and driving. The Colorado Department of Transportation has launched The Cannabis Conversation, an online, anonymous survey that asks people about their marijuana and alcohol use and how they feel about driving while using marijuana. [Read the article at denverpost.com.](#)

Bill Mandating Front-End License Plates Gets Red Light (New Mexico)

The state House rejected — at least for now — a proposal that would have required New Mexico drivers to affix license plates to the front and back of their vehicles, not just the back. [Read the article at abqjournal.com.](#)

Lawmakers Withdraw Autonomous Vehicle Proposal (Oregon)

Lawmakers effectively withdrew a proposal to allow autonomous vehicles on Oregon roads. The House Transportation Policy committee voted 8-0 Wednesday to substitute an amendment that replaced proposed rules for the vehicles with a study group. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

Man With 'DIRTBAG' Vanity License Plate Arrested At Car Wash (Washington)

Authorities say a Washington man with a custom "DIRTBAG" license plate on his car was arrested after purposely rear-ending a driver at a car wash and punching an officer. [Read the article at triblive.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Facial Recognition Is Accurate, if You're a White Guy

Facial recognition technology is improving by leaps and bounds. Some commercial software can now tell the gender of a person in a photograph. [Read the article at nytimes.com.](#)

U.S. Transportation Agency Calls March 1 'Summit' On Autonomous Cars

Auto manufacturers, technology companies, road safety advocates and policy makers will attend a March 1 conference over potential government actions that could speed the rollout of autonomous cars, the U.S. Transportation Department said on Friday. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

Driver's Licenses Could Soon Be Replaced By Cell Phone Apps

Your driver's license could be replaced by a cellphone app if a pilot program involving four states and the District of Columbia works out. [Read the article at foxnews.com.](#)

Safety Gains From Heavier Cars May Be Cited to Cut MPG Rules

The Trump administration is said to be reviewing the safety advantages of heavier cars -- a point of controversy among researchers -- as it considers lowering future automotive fuel economy targets by as much as 23 percent. [Read the article at bloomberg.com.](#)

U.S. Highway Deaths Dipped Last Year But Hold Near Decade-High Levels

U.S. motor-vehicle deaths declined about 1% last year but remained near decade-high levels as a worrying amount of distractions offsets steps by auto makers to equip cars with more safety features. [Read the article at marketwatch.com.](#)

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On Twitter

@AAMVACconnection 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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Nighttime traffic volume is about half that of daytime. However, @NSCsafety figures show that ~62% of all traffic deaths nationwide occur at night.

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