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"What To Do When Stopped by Law Enforcement" Now Available at AAMVA.org

The "[What To Do When Stopped by Law Enforcement](#)" document is now available online. This document has been approved by the AAMVA Driver and Law Enforcement Standing Committees and has also been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). In addition, the AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee will be including this information in the next update of the Non-commercial Model Driver Testing System (NMDTS). However, AAMVA is making [this document available](#) now for those jurisdictions who want to amend or include in their driver manuals.

Tennessee to Join State-to-State Verification Service

Tennessee will begin using AAMVA's [State-to-State Verification Service \(S2S\)](#) on Monday, March 5, 2018. Tasks related to on-boarding Tennessee will be conducted during the weekend of March 3, 2018. 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, March 4, 2018). The associated timeline is shown here. Please note that the times shown are tentative, and states are encouraged to avoid this weekend for performing maintenance or deployment activities that require the Central Site to be available. Please contact AAMVA if such activities are unavoidable. If you have any questions on the CDLIS/S2S downtime that need immediate attention please contact the AAMVA Operations Help Desk at helpdesk@aamva.org. For any inquiries relating to this matter, please contact [Pam Dsa](#).

REGION 1 NEWS

Activist Brenda "Sue" Fulton nominated to head Motor Vehicle Commission (New Jersey)

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy has nominated Brenda S. "Sue" Fulton to head the Motor Vehicle Commission. If she is confirmed, she will be the first high-level government appointment of an LGBT person since Murphy's inauguration. Currently, Fulton is the executive director of Women in the Service Change Initiative. [Read the article at outinjersey.net](#).

State Senator: Custom License Plates Should Fund school safety (New York)

The topic of custom state license plates has legally and politically been a thorny issue in New York for at least the last decade. But Republican state Sen. James Tedisco of Glenville is proposing that proceeds from the sale of what he is calling a "Guardians For Schools," license plate be used to fund armed guards — and other security measures — at needy New York state schools. [Read the article at timesunion.com](#).

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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***Pennsylvania DOT and PSP Team Up To Teach Traffic Law**

PennDOT and the PA State Police are joining forces for a new campaign aimed at informing motorists about some of the state's lesser-known traffic laws. [Read the article at wif.org.](#)

Officials Say People Shouldn't Be Driving Under Influence of Medical Marijuana (Pennsylvania)

As a medical marijuana program continues to develop here in Pennsylvania, there is growing concern over the possibility of patients driving under the influence of the drug. [Read the article at fox43.com.](#)

Pennsylvania Offers New License Plate Honoring PA National Guard

Members of the Pennsylvania National Guard have a new way to proudly show their service through the display of a military license plate announced today by the Wolf Administration. [Read the press release.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS**Florida May OK License Plates That Tout Georgia and Auburn**

Florida would sell license plates that tout two out-of-state universities under a bill that is advancing in the Legislature. A House panel on Monday approved a bill that would call for the creation of state license plates that would include the logos and names of Auburn University and the University of Georgia. Proceeds from the tags would provide scholarships to Florida residents who attend the two schools. [Read the article at wctv.tv.](#)

Electric Vehicle Backers Make Case for Texas to Put Millions Into New Charging Stations

Dallas has 177 electric car chargers at businesses and on public property. But the city will need nearly 3,000 by 2030, according to a national study from the Public Interest Research Group. [Read the article at dallasnews.com.](#)

Texas Drivers: 2 New Plates Approved, Coveted Vanity Options Up For Auction

TxDMV has approved two new license plate designs — Route 66 and the Racing Stripe Red. [Read the article at spectrumlocalnews.com.](#)

Governor Northam Authorizes FFA License Plate (Virginia)

Even if you've never worn the blue jacket of the FFA, Virginia residents will soon be able to show their support of the Virginia FFA on their license plate. Matching bills passed through both the House and the State Senate and have been signed by Governor Ralph Northam. The bills will become law and the production process of the plates which proudly proclaim "We Are The Birthplace" can begin July 1st. [Read the article at augustafreepress.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS**REAL ID-Compliant Cards Are Optional Once Available (Minnesota)**

REAL ID-compliant cards will not be available in Minnesota until October, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. ... Standard Minnesota driver's licenses and ID cards will continue to be valid forms of identification after Oct. 10, 2018, however they will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel or to have access to federal facilities. [Read the article at fox9.com.](#)

Minnesota Legislators Want Answers About MNLARS No-Bid Contract

After last summer's disastrous rollout of Minnesota's new vehicle title and registration system, the Dayton administration signed a no-bid, \$26.25 million contract with a Colorado company to build a separate, "off-the-shelf" driver's license system that would comply with the Real ID program mandated by federal law. In doing so, it sought "emergency" approval Oct. 19 to avoid the bidding process required by Minnesota law, records show. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

Federal Form Gives Incorrect Info On Felon Voting Rights in Nebraska

A federal voter registration form incorrectly instructs potential voters that no felons can vote in Nebraska. But, under state law, voting rights are automatically restored two years after felons complete their sentences. ... Nebraska updated its state registration forms to reflect the 2005 law change. The information also is correct on the state's online voter registration portal and on Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration forms. [Read the article at omaha.com.](#)

Ohio Will Mail Driver's Licenses Starting in July

Ohio said Wednesday it's ending the same-day issuing of Ohio driver's licenses and will mail them instead to save money and increase security. Licenses will arrive about 10 days after they're issued once the change takes effect July 2, the Department of Public Safety said. Drivers will be issued temporary licenses and ID cards in the meantime. [Read the article at cincinnati.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Motor Vehicles Division: Vet Program a Success (Arizona)

It's become a way for drivers to personalize their vehicle all the while raising money for a variety of charities. In the past couple of years the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division has increased the number of license plate designs from a few dozen to well over fifty options for drivers to choose from. [Read the article at kyma.com.](#)

Computer Glitch Forces Longer Delays At DMV Offices Across California

Computer problems saddled a number of Department of Motor Vehicles offices across the state with even longer delays Tuesday. The department's new automated queuing system went down for an hour or so Tuesday morning in nearly a dozen DMV offices. [Read the article at sanfransci](#)

California Green-Lights Cars Without Drivers

California on Monday gave a green light to allowing robot cars with no drivers on state roads within weeks. "This is a major step forward for autonomous technology in California," Jean Shiimoto, director of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, said in a statement. [Read the article at sfchronicle.com.](#)

Charges Dropped Against SFPD Cop Facing Vehicle Registration Fraud, Filing False Police Report (California)

Prosecutors unexpectedly dropped all charges Friday against 26-year San Francisco police veteran Joel Babbs, a whistleblower who had been facing misdemeanor counts of vehicle registration fraud and filing a false police report. [Read the article at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

In Tribute to Bruce Brown, California May Soon Offer Endless Summer Inspired License Plates

In tribute to Bruce Brown, the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center (SHACC) in San Clemente announced on Saturday an effort to create a special interest license plate featuring the iconic movie poster artwork of Brown's opus. [Read the article at theinertia.com.](#)

DMV Manager Demoted for Poor Customer Service, 'Demeaning Conduct' Toward Employees (Colorado)

A Denver Motor Vehicle manager has been demoted after several subordinates

complained to her boss about “demeaning conduct” toward them, poor customer service and not turning in paperwork that could have resulted in impounding the cars of unsuspecting drivers. [Read the article at 9news.com.](#)

Nevada DMV May Change Gender Policy for Driver’s Licenses

Transgender men and women could find it easier to change their gender identification on Nevada driver’s licenses. During a public hearing this month, the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles signaled a move toward allowing individuals to self-declare a gender when obtaining a license, rather than provide proof from a physician. [Read the article at reviewjournal.com.](#)

Delayed Birth Certificate OK for Real ID (New Mexico)

As New Mexico drivers transition to Real ID licenses and are required to present various documents (a full list is at mvd.newmexico.gov), the question arises, what if you simply never had the stuff required? [Read the article at abqjournal.com.](#)

Troopers Target License Cheats At Two Vancouver Schools (Washington)

Washington State Patrol placed a team of troopers outside two Vancouver schools Monday morning to catch drivers who haven’t registered their vehicles in the state, thereby avoiding taxes that help pay for education. [Read the article at columbian.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Trump Moves To Roll Back Transportation Safety Measures Prompted By Tragic Events

President Donald Trump is putting the brakes on attempts to address dangerous safety problems — from speeding tractor-trailers to sleepy railroad engineers — as part of his quest to roll back regulations across the government, according to a review by The Associated Press of Transportation Department rule-making activities. [Read the article at mcall.com.](#)

Hyundai, Toyota Recalling More Than 100,000 Vehicles

There’s a warning out for Toyota or Hyundai drivers. The automakers are recalling more than 100,000 trucks and SUVs. [Read the article at wnept.com.](#)

U.S. Finalizes Long-Delayed ‘Quiet Cars’ Rule, Extending Deadline

The U.S. Department of Transportation on Monday finalized rules that will require “quiet cars” like electric vehicles and hybrids to emit alert sounds to warn pedestrians of their approach, extending to 2020 the deadline for full compliance. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

Creating Driving Tests for Self-Driving Cars

At a test track east of Gothenburg, Sweden, people are ushered into autonomous vehicles for a test drive. But there’s a twist: The vehicles aren’t actually autonomous—there’s a hidden driver in the back—and the people are participating in an experiment to discover how they’ll behave when the car is chauffeuring them around. At Zenuity—a joint venture between Volvo and Autoliv, a Swedish auto-safety company—this test is just one of many ways we make sure not just that autonomous vehicles work but that they can drive more safely than humans ever could. [Read the article at spectrum.ieee.org.](#)

Redemption for the DMV

On Jan. 31, 2013, California pulled the plug on a long overdue modernization of its Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) IT systems. Originally scheduled to be completed that March, the state and its prime contractor had only managed to finish one portion of the \$208 million system overhaul. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter

@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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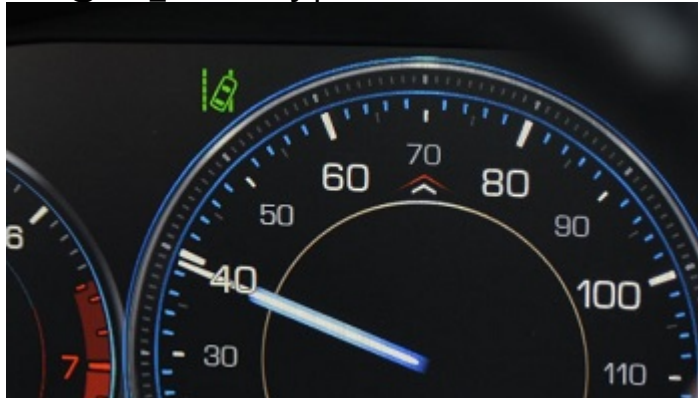
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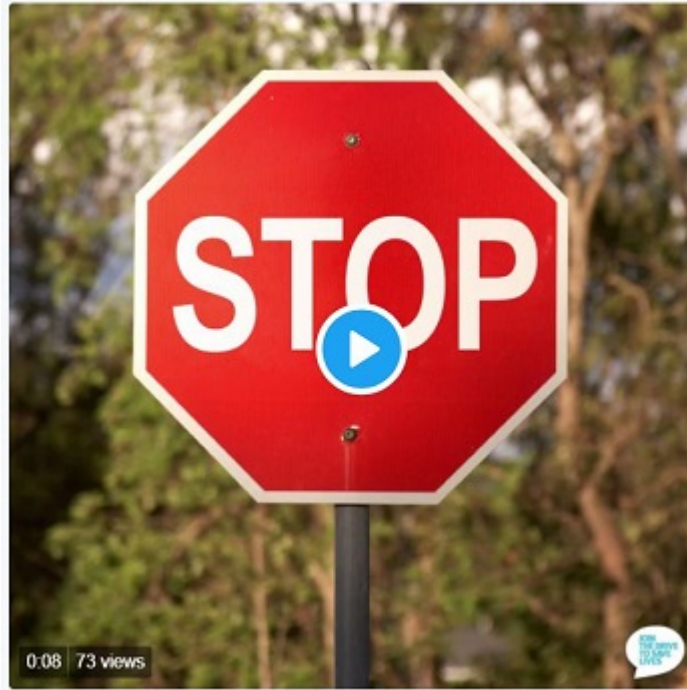
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