AAMVA Now Accepting Applications to Fill Upcoming Standing Committee Vacancies

AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to serve on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. Several jurisdiction positions are available in each of the three standing committees. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. All applications must be received by July 1, 2018. (Details and application instructions are available in the "Committee Opportunities" tab on the Committees & Working Groups Web page.) We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. Even if you submitted an application previously, please resubmit. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham via email to committees@aamva.org or phone (703) 522-4200.

Watch AAMVA's Standing Committee Update Videos

AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees each gave a video update at the 2018 Workshop and Law Institute, detailing their accomplishments over the past year and discussing what's ahead. You can view these videos on AAMVA's YouTube channel.

mDL Overview Video Now Available

AAMVA has created a video giving an overview of mobile driver's license (mDL) technology and the opportunities it presents to the AAMVA Community. Visit the mDL page on AAMVA's Web site for more information.

Security, Screening Key to Delaware's Mobile Driver's License Pilot

The state of Delaware, which launched its Real ID program nearly a decade ago, is strengthening one of residents' most frequently used forms of identification with a new mobile driver’s license (mDL) pilot that includes a series of advanced security and privacy features. Read the article at govtech.com.
Drivers Who Want Real ID Say the State Encouraged Them to Skip It (Massachusetts)

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has been encouraging drivers with soon-expiring licenses to renew online, even as it introduces a new type of license that can only be obtained in person starting Monday. The letters encouraging online renewal sowed confusion among some drivers who say they received them in recent weeks, at a time when the RMV has embarked on a major publicity campaign preparing motorists for the new type of license called Real ID. Read the article at bostonglobe.com.

New Hampshire House Passes Bill to Charge Electric, Hybrid Vehicles

The New Hampshire House has approved a plan to charge a sliding fee to vehicles based on their efficiency, starting with those that get as little as 21 mpg, to compensate for paying less gasoline tax. Read the article at concordmonitor.com.

Pennsylvania Lawmakers to Consider Self-Driving Regulations This Spring

Pennsylvania lawmakers could take up legislation aimed at regulating autonomous vehicles in the coming months. State Sen. Randy Vulakovich, a Republican from Glenshaw who sits on the Senate Transportation Committee, said Wednesday that he has been assured by the committee's chair that it will consider legislation this spring. Read the article at triblive.com.

State Looks for Ways to Increase Electric Car Usage (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania lawmakers want to make owning an electric vehicle easier and more viable for the average resident. Read the article at buckscountycouriertimes.com.

Wolf Eyes Voting Reform Plan (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania’s Democratic governor wants legislation to let people register to vote on the day of elections and loosen the state’s strict rules for absentee ballots. Gov. Tom Wolf said on Monday everyone who gets a license from the state Department of Transportation or signs up for a public service should be automatically registered to vote, unless they specifically opt out. Read the article at phillytrib.com.

Rhode Island Bill Would Give 'Dreamers' Continued Access to Licenses, Permits

With the lives of “Dreamers” across the nation in limbo, state lawmakers are trying to carve out a safety zone for them in Rhode Island with guarantees that they will still have access to driver’s licenses and work permits no matter what Congress ultimately does with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Read the article at providencejournal.com.

State Driver Services Says “Share the Road” for Spring Break! (Georgia)

It is time for schools in Georgia to celebrate spring break, and that means that many people are planning road trips. The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) and its Georgia Motorcycle Program (GMSP) are partnering with the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind vehicle drivers to “Share the Road” during the busy spring months. The awareness campaign aims to educate vehicle drivers and motorcyclists on how each driver can be more aware of their surroundings, creating safer roads and saving lives in the process. Read the press release.

Texas DMV Seeks to Clarify Dealership Law — As It Tries To Enforce It

The question of who is allowed to own an automobile dealership in Texas is surprisingly confusing — even for the state agency that’s supposed to answer it. Read the article at mystatesman.com.

New Law Makes It Hard to Track Driverless Car Testing In
Texas
The fatal collision last weekend of a self-driving car owned by Uber and a woman crossing a Tempe, Ariz., street raised enough questions that the ride-hailing giant days later suspended such on-road testing of the vehicles. Read the article at mystatesman.com.

Fix Promised for Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Voter Registration Issues
Virginia’s voter registrations through the Department of Motor Vehicles that prompted false voter fraud prosecutions are still a problem across the commonwealth, months after the issues first emerged in public. New Elections Commissioner Chris Piper said Friday some answers could come within weeks. Read the article at wtop.com.

Senate Endorses Licenses Plates for ‘Choose Life,’ Veterans, Special Olympics, Wichita (Kansas)
New license plates soon could be used in Kansas after the Senate endorsed a bill Monday that creates specialty tags supporting Special Olympics, the City of Wichita, veterans of recent wars and a potentially controversial one that reads “Choose Life.” House Bill 2599 says revenue from the City of Wichita and Special Olympics plates will benefit the organizations that named them. Read the article at cjonline.com.

Governor, Lawmakers Reach Compromise on Minnesota DMV System
Minnesota lawmakers and Gov. Mark Dayton appear to have reached a compromise on emergency funding for MNLARS — the state’s troubled computer system that handles vehicles titles and license plates. Thursday morning, a joint House-Senate committee unanimously approved a nearly $10 million emergency funding plan that allows work on fixing the system to continue. Read the article at govtech.com.

Hundreds of Licensed Missouri Drivers Receive Blind Benefits
Hundreds of people with active Missouri driver’s licenses are collecting from a pension fund set up for blind residents, Gov. Eric Greitens said Friday in alleging widespread abuse of the system. An investigation by the Department of Social Services and the Department of Revenue had flagged 436 people using the fund who also had driver’s licenses, Greitens said in a statement. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

Free IDs Offered by Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles
The Wisconsin 2018 spring election is April 3 and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles offers free identification cards valid for voting. Read the article at journaltimes.com.

Arizona Governor Suspends Uber From Autonomous Testing
Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey suspended Uber’s self-driving vehicle testing privileges Monday in the wake of a pedestrian fatality in a Phoenix suburb last week. Ducey said in a letter to CEO Dara Khosrowshahi that video footage of the crash raised concerns about the San Francisco-based company’s ability to safely test its technology in Arizona. He said he expects public safety to be the top priority for those who operate self-driving cars. Read the article at usnews.com.

British Columbia Organ Donor List Climbs More Than 15% After ICBC Campaign
A new program encouraging customers of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia to register as organ donors has boosted the donor list by more than 15 per
Colorado's Immigrant Driver's License Program Gets Boost from Republican-led State Senate After Years of Pushback

The Republican-controlled state Senate on Friday passed legislation that seeks to ease the application logjam for Colorado's troubled driver's license program for people living in the U.S. illegally. The 25-10 vote represents a major shift in the GOP's stance toward the program, which has been troubled since it got its start in 2013. Read the article at denverpost.com.

As Colorado Auto Deaths Involving Marijuana Rise, CDOT is Asking Thousands How They Feel About Driving Under Pot's Influence

Amid a rise in Colorado auto fatalities involving marijuana, state transportation officials are surveying thousands of residents this year to better understand public attitudes toward driving under the influence of pot, with the hopes of blunting the increasingly deadly trend. Read the article at denverpost.com.

DMV's New Policy is Major Roadblock, Say Businesses That Prepare Documents for Largely Immigrant Clientele (Nevada)

On a recent sunny afternoon outside the East Sahara DMV office in Las Vegas, a line of about 50 people snaked out the building's front door, some standing against the wall and scrolling through their cellphones while others navigated the sprawling, nearly full parking lot. In spite of the agency's efforts in recent years to put more DMV services online, divert patrons to off-site kiosks or have them set up appointments a few days out, field offices continue to struggle with chronically long lines. Read the article at thenevadaindependent.com.

Birth Certificate Error Makes Getting ID Hell for Belen Woman (New Mexico)

Emily Marquez of Belen said when she went to get a replacement birth certificate years ago, the person actually printed it incorrectly. She's been trying for years to get it fixed. Now, after going to get her license renewed Friday, she was told she would have to change her birthday on her license to match her incorrect birth certificate—a difference of just one day, Feb. 26, 1955 versus Feb. 25, 1955. Read the article at kob.com.

Saskatchewan Announces Big Hike In Speeding Fines and Increases In Other Penalties

Speeders will be paying a lot more in fines in Saskatchewan effective May 1st. The base amount on all speeding tickets goes up by 30 dollars and the fine per kilometer over the speed limit will double. Read the article at 620ckrm.com.

Saskatoon Senator Opposed To Pot Legalization Says Proposed Bill Has Too Many Holes

The current proposed legislation to legalize marijuana in Canada, Bill C-45, is inadequate because it does not offer enough protections for youth, according to Conservative senator Denise Batters. Read the article at cbc.ca.

Unauthorized License Plates Could Lead to Criminal Charges, Authorities Say (Utah)

The Utah Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division is warning drivers who use unauthorized license plates they could have their vehicle impounded, registration revoked and even face criminal charges. Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division spokesman Charlie Roberts said his agency recently received “dozens of phone calls” from police departments around the state reporting vehicle owners who are using unauthorized plates on their personal vehicles. Read the article at ksl.com.

Remote Control for Driverless Cars Could Make Them Safer

Imagine sitting in a driverless car as it approaches a construction zone. A worker tries
to wave the vehicle into the oncoming traffic lane to get around an obstruction, but the vehicle does not know how to navigate the situation. It’s a type of scenario proving particularly difficult for autonomous vehicle developers, and it’s the kind of issue that appears to demand a solution after a fatal crash involving an Uber-operated autonomous SUV in Arizona last week. Read the article at pilotonline.com.

**FCMSA Seeks Public Comment on Autonomous Vehicle Technology**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is seeking public comment on self-driving vehicle regulations. The organization is requesting public comments on existing Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations that may need to be updated, modified, or eliminated to ease the safe introduction of commercial motor vehicles equipped with automated driving systems, or ADS. Read the article at truckinginfo.com.

**Distraction Tops Drivers’ List of Growing Dangers on the Road**

Distracted driving tops drivers’ list of growing dangers on the road, according to a new survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The annual Traffic Safety Culture Index shows that 88 percent of drivers believe distracted driving is on the rise, topping other risky behaviors like... Read the article at newsroom.aaa.com.

**Initiatives Aim to Boost Recall Completion Rates**

NADA is increasing its efforts to complete vehicle recalls through new tools for dealerships and consumers. Outgoing NADA Chairman Mark Scarpelli and his successor, Wes Lutz, separately on Friday announced initiatives with several partners aimed at increasing recall completion rates — a priority of automakers, dealers and regulators in wake of massive recall campaigns in recent years. Read the article at autonews.com.

**New Research: Ignition Interlock Laws Critical to Eliminate Drunk Driving**

Today, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety announced new research demonstrating that state laws requiring ignition interlock device (IID) use for all drunk driving offenders reduced drunk driving crash fatalities by 16 percent. Read GHSA’s statement for attribution at GHSA.org.

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**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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Massachusetts RMV @MassRMV | View the Tweet

By October 2020, you’ll need a passport or a REAL ID to fly in the U.S. or to enter federal buildings.

A REAL ID or Passport will be required to enter federal buildings and fly in the U.S. as of October 1, 2020. However, many MA residents may not need a REAL ID. Take our online quiz to find you if you will need one. Visit http://www.mass.gov/ID.
@SafeRoadsNow honors Elizabeth Dole, the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of Transportation, for #womenshistorymonth. Sec. Dole’s leadership and legacy of improving highway and auto safety is still saving lives today.

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Being #GoodFriday, you most likely won’t encounter an active work zone today. But remember, whether workers are present or not, your own safety traveling through work zones is just as critical. Take care, and we’ll catch up next week. #TrafficSafetyLeader