AAMVA Legislative Alert: United States Congress Passes $1.07 Trillion Fiscal 2017 Omnibus Spending Measure
The United States Congress has passed a $1.07 trillion fiscal year 2017 omnibus spending package (HR 244) that will continue to fund the federal government through September 30, 2017. AAMVA’s initial analysis of the omnibus legislation and highlights by division of the bill are available in the AAMVA Legislative Alert.

Anne Ferro to Receive Award from AASM
AAMVA President and CEO Anne Ferro has been selected, along with several leaders in the field of sleep medicine, as a recipient of the 2017 American Academy of Sleep Medicine awards, which will be presented Monday, June 5, during the plenary session of SLEEP 2017, the 31st annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies LLC (APSS) in Boston. She will receive the Mark O. Hatfield Public Policy or Advocacy Award for developing public policy that positively affects the healthy sleep of all Americans. During her tenure as administrator at FMCSA, Ferro implemented key measures, such as limiting the risk of tired truck drivers behind the wheel and prohibiting commercial drivers from texting or talking on hand-held mobile devices while driving. Read more here.

After Years of Resistance, Maine Complies With Federal ID Law
President Donald Trump teased the appearance of outspoken Maine Gov. Paul LePage during an executive order signing Wednesday, offering him a time-tested back-handed compliment. Read the article on normangeestar.net.

Court Says Police Can Run License Plates Without Suspicion of Wrongdoing (New York)
Police can routinely run license plate checks of motorists even if they have no suspicion that any wrongdoing has been committed, the state’s highest court ruled Thursday. In a case involving a 2014 stop of a motorist by a SUNY Buffalo State police officer in 2014, the Court of Appeals rejected an initial Buffalo City Court ruling that dismissed a driving while intoxicated arrest against a motorist pulled over in the circular driveway into the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Read the article in buffalonews.com.

AAA Partners With DMV In Advance Of Its Computer System Launch (Rhode Island)
In advance of a Division of Motor Vehicles computer system launch, AAA Northeast is
partnering with the DMV to allow temporary services to non-members. Starting Tuesday, AAA has agreed to process DMV transactions for non-members while the state gets ready for its computer system launch July 5, 2017. Read the full article in wpri.com.

**REGION II NEWS**

**DMV Warns About Forged Temporary Tags (Arkansas)**
A growing problem for both the DMV and law enforcement in Arkansas, forged temporary tags. The Office of Motor Vehicle says it's issuing less temporary tags because the paper plates showing drivers have 30 days to register their car are easily made. Some drivers go over their 30 days and request new tags. Read the article at nwahomepage.com.

**NC DMV Will Now Produce 'REAL IDs'**
The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles will start producing "REAL IDs" Monday. They are optional license or ID cards that meet security requirements of the federal REAL ID Act. Starting in October 2020, the Transportation Security Administration and other agencies will require a REAL ID for commercial air travel and access to federal buildings, military installations and nuclear facilities. Read the article on abc11.com.

**SC DMV To Start Accepting Documents For Real ID-Compliant IDs May 15**
Beginning May 15, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will begin accepting documents that make state drivers' licenses and ID cards compliant with federal standards. Read the article on wistv.com.

**Virginia Pilots Mobile Driver's License**
The leap to mobile devices will be just the latest iteration in decades' worth or changes to driver's licenses, according to Raymond Martinez, the chief administrator for New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. Licenses have moved from paper to plastic, added photos and now incorporate advanced anti-counterfeiting features. Read the full article in gcn.com.

**Is Real ID Done Yet? Minnesota Senate Leader Says: 'We're Working On It'**
Real ID — the legislation that would give Minnesotans assurance that their state-issued identification would meet federal standards — still isn't completed at the Legislature.
The joint-House-Senate committee charged with crafting a compromise to get a bill to Gov. Mark Dayton’s desk hasn’t even met in public for days. Read the article in twincities.com.

**REGION III NEWS**

**Facial Recognition Helps Detectives Nab Another Identity Thief (Arizona)**
A Phoenix resident who allegedly used a stolen identity to get a duplicate driver license has been arrested thanks to Arizona Department of Transportation detectives’ use of facial recognition training and technology. Read the full article on content.govdelivery.com.
Tesla Self-Driving Semi Trucks Face a Roadblock in California

Tesla is expected to reveal the first all-electric semi truck in September, and the company is already pushing to make sure it can start testing the vehicle as soon as possible, without a driver on board. Tesla submitted a letter a week ago to Brian Soublet, head general counsel to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, asking the organization to remove the blanket prohibition on autonomous vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds. Read the article in inverse.com.

Truck Driver Training Bill Passes First Hurdle (California)

Driving a big rig carries big risks and one bill hopes to improve road safety by adding new requirements before a trucker gets behind the wheel. To get a Commercial Drivers License in California, a driver has to pass a written test and a short behind-the-wheel driving test, but there is no requirement for behind-the-wheel training. Read the article in ksby.com.

California Mulls Third Gender for Driver's Licenses, Birth Certificates

California, in all its glorious, leftist vision, may soon offer residents a third option on the portion of state documents that ask for the gender of the writer. There's male. There's female. But in California, there may soon be “intersex.” Read the article in washingtontimes.com.

State Plans To Ask For Extension To Phase In New REAL ID Cards (Montana)

With lawmakers approving the plan for Montana to issue REAL ID compatible licenses last week, the way is clear for the Department of Justice to ask for a new extension to replace the one which expired last fall. Read the article at ktvh.com.

Partial Sale of SGI Canada Pitched To 11 Companies

The minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance says the company's CEO has met with representatives from 11 companies in recent months to talk about a partial sale of the Crown corporation. Joe Hargrave said the government's Bill 40, which allows for up to 49 per cent of a Crown corporation to be sold, sparked the interest. Read the article in cbc.ca.

Roadway Changes Would Reduce Fatal Crashes, AAA Report Says

New roundabouts, more guardrails and sidewalks, and better crosswalks would sharply reduce deaths and injuries from car crashes around the country, including on Long Island, a new AAA report says. Read the article at newsday.com.

Uber and Waymo Duel at Key Hearing Over Driverless Car Technology

One of Uber's self-driving cars. The company is involved in a legal dispute over whether it used technology stolen by a top executive who had worked at Google. Read the article in newyorktimes.com.

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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