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## OUR EVENTS

## JULY



## AUGUST

19-20 | [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)  
Philadelphia, PA

20 | [Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)  
Philadelphia, PA



## SYSTEMS TRAINING

## Presentations from Region 2 Conference Now Available Online

From June 18 - 21, AAMVA hosted the Region 2 Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. View photos of the event by [visiting our Flickr page](#). AAMVA members can download from the AAMVA website via the [Region 2 Downloads Center](#). Thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors who made this event possible!

## Region 4 Conference: Charity & Silent Auction

AAMVA has established a legacy of leaving the communities we visit with a donation to help in charitable works. This year, at the [Region 4 Conference](#), we are hosting a Silent Auction in conjunction with the President's Reception on Thursday, July 12. The recipient of our fundraising efforts will be the [Montana Hope Project](#), which grants wishes for Montana children living with critical illnesses. It began in 1984 when a handful of Montana Highway Patrol Officers reached out to a couple of kids with life-threatening illnesses. Today, the Montana Hope Project is a separate, non-profit organization funded by tax-deductible charitable contributions. Register to attend the Region 4 Conference [by clicking here](#).

## CDLIS Working Group Volunteer Opportunity Available

The [CDLIS Working Group](#) provides guidance and direction on improvements, enhancements and changes related to the CDLIS application and processes, past, present and future. The Working Group is a dynamic and active group, consisting of one or two representatives from up to 12 states. The Working Group is seeking one jurisdiction to fill the current vacancy. After reviewing the [CDLIS Working Group Charter](#) and the required qualifications in the application, please [complete the application](#) and email it to Dianne Graham at [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org). **Applications must be received by June 30, 2018.** If you have questions about the Working Group, please contact [Mindy Stephens](#).

## REGION 1 NEWS

## Massachusetts' Obsession With Low Number License Plates

Massachusetts is known for its bad drivers, strict vehicle inspections, and incomprehensible street layouts designed by cows hundreds of years before cars were invented. Another strange quirk of Massachusetts drivers is our strange obsession with low number license plates. They are so popular, in fact, that each year the Registry of Motor Vehicles holds a lottery to assign low number plates that have become available—for an extra fee, of course. [Read the article at thedrive.com.](#)

## Massachusetts Senate to Vote on Bill Allowing 'X' as Gender on State IDs

The Massachusetts Senate will vote Thursday on a bill that would allow someone to list their gender as "X" on state identification. The bill, S.2562, would allow someone to check "X" instead of male or female at the Registry of Motor Vehicles when the person is applying for a driver's license, permit or other form of state identification. The

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## JULY

10 | [PDPS Update Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | [PDPS Interactions \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | [ACD Codes in PDPS \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [CD07 Add New Driver \(intermediate\)](#)

18 | [CD09 Change Data \(intermediate\)](#)

19 | [CD15 Update AKA Data \(intermediate\)](#)

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### OUR WEBINARS

July 10, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)  
[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

July 17, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

July 24, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

July 25, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)  
[Vehicle Finance and Title Fraud](#)

July 31, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface](#)

person would not have to produce any documentation related to their gender. If the Senate passes the bill, it will go to the House for consideration. [Read the article at masslive.com](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Vanity or Profanity? Florida Rejects 275 Requests for Personalized Plates

Florida drivers — who get a lot of freedom in license tags for cars — can take the standard-issue license plate. They can choose from some 120 specialty tags. Or they can come up with one of their own. That last option seems to bring out the mischief. Between January 2013 and June 2018, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) rejected 275 personalized license plate submissions that were described as obscene or that could be viewed as offensive, a review of state records showed. [Read the article at gainesville.com](#).

### OMV Employee Accused of Issuing Driver's Licenses to Illegal Aliens (Louisiana)

Louisiana State Police detectives arrested a state Office of Motor Vehicles employee in West Monroe who was suspected of issuing driver's licenses and identification papers to illegal aliens. The arrest stemmed from an investigation that began on Feb. 14 after the State Police Criminal Investigation Division, or CID, received information about a Mexican immigrants illegally obtaining driver's licenses at the Office of Motor Vehicles in West Monroe. [Read the article at hannapub.com](#).

### Those Wanting to Fly Domestically Need REAL ID by October 2020 (South Carolina)

South Carolina residents wanting to fly commercially, enter a secure federal building or visit a military installation on and after Oct. 1, 2020 will have to have a new identification card. After that date, a South Carolina driver's license or identification card must have a gold star to show it is a REAL ID if the holder wants to do certain things. [Read the article at thetandd.com](#).

### DMV is Increasing Vehicle Title Fee in Virginia

Vehicle title fees will increase starting July 1. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will be charging \$15 moving forward. The fee had been \$10. The DMV said in a press release that the fee had not been adjusted since the 1980s and remains lower than similar fees charged by other states. [Read the article at wavy.com](#).

## REGION 3 NEWS

### Illinois to Pull License Plate with Number Tied to White Supremacy After Owner Threatened on Twitter

There was a palpable sense of shock in the voice of the man when told his Illinois license plate contains a symbolic number used by white supremacists. [Read the article at herald-review.com](#).

### Soon, Thousands of Kansas Truckers Will be Ready to Combat Human Trafficking

Starting in July, all new applicants for a commercial driver's license in Kansas will be required to complete anti-human trafficking training before receiving the license. Current CDL holders will have to complete the training, created by Truckers Against Trafficking, before the next regular renewal of their license. [Read the article at kansas.com](#).

### What You Need to Renew Driver's License and Receive a REAL ID (North Dakota)

Beginning October 1, 2020 a simple driver's license will no longer be accepted as the only form of identification when boarding an airplane to travel domestically because of an act passed by Congress, upon recommendation from the 911 Commission that asks for higher standards to be set for the issuance of sources of identification such as

[\(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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### OPEN RFPs

[Texas Department of Public Safety: Driver Responsibility Program Request for Offer](#)  
**Deadline: July 30, 2018**

[NY DMV RFP C00890: DMV System Modernization](#)  
**Deadline: July 31, 2018**

[AAMVA: How to Become a Licensed Manufacturer of the AAMVA Optical Variable Device](#)  
**Deadline: Open**

a driver's license. As of June 2018 all North Dakota Driver's License offices should now be able to issue the REAL ID. [Read the article at times-online.com.](#)

## **New South Dakota Specialty License Plates Available July 1**

The South Dakota Department of Revenue will begin offering new personalized rear only, woman veteran and original historical motorcycle specialty license plate options to qualifying applicants July 1. The personalized rear only plate will be available for vehicles with an annual mileage less than 7,500 miles that are not used for general or commercial use as authorized by 2018 House Bill 1116. Applicants must pay a \$25 special plate fee and a \$5 mailing fee in addition to annual vehicle registration fees. [Read the article at bhpioneer.com.](#)

## **Ohio Jockeys for Top Spot in AV Development, Testing**

While many look to the coasts for the latest tech innovations, Ohio is making a move to be a driving force behind the development of autonomous vehicles. Under the Drive Ohio initiative, Gov. John Kasich authorized autonomous vehicle testing in the state, and since January, six autonomous vehicle development projects have begun throughout the state under its umbrella. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

## **Mentor Officer's Roadside Death Prompts More Awareness about Ohio's 'Move Over' Law**

Members of the North Coast Emergency Services team in Cleveland have been left stunned and deeply saddened by the roadside death of Mentor Police Officer Mathew Mazany. ... North Coast co-owner John Leonello said ... that, sadly, his team has witnessed dozens of drivers not obeying Ohio's "Move Over" law every week. [Read the article at news5cleveland.com.](#)

## **Bipartisan Ohio Bill Would Reform License Suspension Fees that Harm Lower Income Residents the Most**

Ohio Lawmakers and interest groups on both sides of the aisle hope to reform fees related to driver's license suspensions that they say disproportionately harm low-income households. [Read the article at theclevelandamerican.com.](#)

### REGION 4 NEWS

## **Judge: Immigrant Class Can't Be Banned from Arizona Roads**

A federal judge declared Thursday that Arizona wrongly denied driver's licenses to noncitizens authorized to work in the U.S. by the federal government. U.S. District Judge David Campbell ruled the state's policy denying licenses under certain Employment Authorization Document (EAD) codes impermissible and foreclosed by the Ninth Circuit's Dream Act decision which also found Arizona's denial of licenses for immigrants was usurped by federal law. [Read the article at courthousenews.com.](#)

## **Arizona Law Banning Cellphone Use for Teen Drivers Goes Into Effect Sunday**

A new law for some teen drivers in Arizona goes into effect this weekend. Unless it's an emergency – or they're using turn-by-turn voice directions – those with a Graduated Driver License (GDL) cannot use wireless communication devices, like cellphones, while driving. Violators will face fines and an extension of their six-month graduated driver period. [Read the article at ktar.com.](#)

## **Putting a # on Your License Plate Would Help the Homeless Under Riverside Lawmaker's Bill (California)**

#1MOM, 1LOVE#LA, #Y0L0 — these could become license plates of the future if a state bill to fund homeless services passes. A bill by State Sen. Richard Roth, D-Riverside, is moving forward that would allow drivers to place a hashtag on a special license plate and have the price tag help fund mental health and substance abuse treatment for California's homeless. [Read the article at pe.com.](#)

## **Fee to Renew Colorado Driver's Licenses to Rise Soon**

If you need to renew your Colorado driver's license, you might want to get it done in the next week. It's going to cost a little more starting next month. Beginning July 1, the fee to renew your license will rise from \$27 to \$28. This is the last of three \$1

increases which started in 2015 as part of a state law. [Read the article at denver.cbslocal.com.](#)

## MVD Uses Urban Dictionary to Screen Personalized License Plates (New Mexico)

MVD officials are turning to 'Urban Dictionary' to make sure license plates that hit the streets aren't obscene. With more drivers requesting vanity plates, state officials said they have to do their homework to keep anything offensive from being approved. [Read the article at krqe.com.](#)

## Major Changes Coming to Washington State Driver's Licenses

Major changes are coming to Washington state driver's licenses and ID cards starting on July 1. On that date and thereafter, all standard driver's licenses will be marked with "Federal Limits Apply" to indicate it isn't valid for federal identification purposes, under the Real ID law. However, a federal waiver will allow you to continue using your standard license for boarding airplanes and accessing secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020. [Read the article at komonews.com.](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## Distracted Driving is Illegal in Many States, but Too Many People are Addicted

It's illegal in 47 states, but too many people are addicted. It's restricted in 15 states, but it happens in broad daylight and hardly anyone gets caught in the act. It's condemned even by some of the people who do it. [Read the article at washingtonpost.com.](#)

## Tech Companies Form Alliance to Create Networking for Autonomous Vehicles

Self-driving cars of the future will have a lot of computing power, which means they'll also need fast networking. So five tech and car companies have teamed up to form the Networking for Autonomous Vehicles (NAV) Alliance. The initial members of the San Jose, California-based alliance include Aquantia, Bosch, Continental, Nvidia, and Volkswagen. [Read the article at venturebeat.com.](#)

## Trump NHTSA Pick Clears Senate Committee in Party-Line Vote

President Donald Trump's pick to lead the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cleared the first hurdle in the path to winning confirmation from the U.S. Senate. The U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee voted 14-13 Wednesday to move forward the nomination of NHTSA Deputy Administrator Heidi King, who was tapped by Trump after seven months as the de-facto chief of the agency. [Read the article at detroitnews.com.](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### 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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With the upcoming #FourthofJuly holiday, you may notice more buses on the roads. They have huge blind spots, which make it difficult for drivers to see others around them. Be sure to stay out of these "No Zones." #July4th #OurRoads  
<http://bit.ly/2MsYKCe>

EndDD.org @end\_dd | [View the Tweet](#)



Panel discussion tonight in CT. <http://bit.ly/2lxxH6j>. Panelists will include Joel Feldman, <http://EndDD.org>; Amy Watkins, <http://www.watchformect.org/>; Peter Gulbrandsen, Travelers Institute <https://travl.rs/2tHP277> & former police officer State Rep Joe Verrengia.

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Motorcycle season is upon us but before you hit the road, you must have a #Motorcycle endorsement or learner's permit. We have training providers across the state of #Indiana. Get started at <http://www.RideSafeIndiana.com> #MotorcycleSafety

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Planning to hit the highway this summer? Learn all about lane departure warning and how it can help you stay safe on those interstates: <https://mycardoeswhat.org/safety-features/lane-departure-warning/...>



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