AAMVA Disability Placard/Plate Fraud Working Group Releases New Member Resource

The AAMVA Disability Placard/Plate Fraud Working Group announces the release of AAMVA’s newest member resource. The new resource, entitled, *Persons with Disabilities Placards and License Plates: Best Practices in Deterring and Detecting Fraud and Misuse*, aims to help member jurisdictions improve the issuance process for disability placards and plates, deterrence and detection of fraud in these areas, and the enforcement of disability parking violations. Member jurisdictions are encouraged to use the guide as a starting point for an informed local discussion on how best to marry needs for accessible parking with needs for general parking. The Best Practices Guide includes a total of 40 recommendations that jurisdictions may choose to adopt. Sample statutory language and recommended standards is also provided. Read more here.

Mobile Drivers License (mDL) in Australia

The subject of mobile driver licenses (mDL) was on prominent display at the recently held Technology in Government conference in Canberra, Australia last week. This was the inaugural debut of a special Digital ID component to the event. Mark Lowe, Director of Iowa’s Department of Transportation, Geoff Sigale, AAMVA’s Director, Identity Management, and Arjan Geluk, Chairman ISO WG10/TF14 & UL Transaction Security were invited to present on the mDL work happening within North America and Europe. Individual presentations were made and a panel was held for attendees to learn what was happening with the mDL standardization work in ISO, the exploratory experiences of mDL pilots, and the unfolding mDL implementation in Iowa. South Australia also provided an overview of an mDL implementation that they have rolled out, and discussions were held with other states/territories that are in the preparation stage for future implementations.

North Carolina Now Fully Participating in NMVTIS

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that North Carolina implemented online inquiry and will continue to make batch updates in NMVTIS. Congratulations, North Carolina!
For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact Marney Michalowski, NMVTIS Program Manager.

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August 30, 2018 - NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1

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**OPEN RFPs**

AAMVA RFP FY18-102: AAMVA Region 3 Chief Administrators Meeting  
**Deadline: August 20, 2018**

**REGION 1 NEWS**

69% Increase in Senior Drivers Deaths on Maryland Roadways

In 2017, 59 senior Maryland drivers were killed, an increase of 69 percent from the 35 killed in 2013. In Maryland, nearly 3,400 drivers aged 65 years and older were injured in crashes in 2017 — a 31 percent increase from 2013, according to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration’s Highway Safety Office. [Read the article at baltimore.cbslocal.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=15924195).

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker Signs Automatic Voter Registration Bill

Hundreds of thousands of new voters could join the state’s rolls in the coming years after Governor Charlie Baker signed legislation that adopts automatic voter registration — one in a flurry of bills that became law Thursday with a few flicks of the Republican’s pen. The voting measure, which registers eligible residents when they get their driver’s licenses or health insurance through the state, was one of more than 50 pieces of legislation Baker signed. [Read the article at bostonglobe.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=15924195).

Legislation to Allow Autonomous Vehicles out on the Road (Pennsylvania)

Members of the connected automated vehicle industry came together at a conference today to talk about how to safely and securely introduce driverless vehicles onto our roads. Folks are used to some automated technology like cruise control and lane guidance. But the thought of seeing cars driving without a driver is a bit surreal. [Read the article at fox43.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=15924195).

Here’s How You Can Get a New Kentucky Driver’s License So You Can Fly

Kentuckians can expect to see some changes when it comes to flying with their identification in the near future. Starting in January 2019, Kentuckians will be able to get a new “voluntary travel ID,” which will allow them to use the ID to fly domestically, access restricted federal facilities such as power plants and military bases, and drive in the state, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced Monday. Residents who don’t want the travel ID will be able to upgrade to a new standard credential. [Read the article at courier-journal.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=15924195).

Issues Prompt Handicap Placards Changes (Kentucky)

In an effort to improve parking access for disabled people, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing is creating new handicap placards aimed at reducing instances of fraud. ... For both temporary and permanent placards, the new decals will feature printed expiration dates as opposed to handwritten dates – which could easily be altered – and will be tied to an individual instead of a vehicle. [Read the article at bgdailynews.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=15924195).
Real ID Is a Real Hassle. Is It Worth It? (North Carolina)
The delays are happening around the state. The natural response is to blame the DMV. And no doubt the agency’s tendency to be understaffed and bureaucratic is contributing to the delays. But the problem isn’t confined to North Carolina. California’s and Kansas’ DMV offices have been seeing long lines. Read the article at newsobserver.com.

Oklahoma Officials Have Big Questions About Autonomous Car Rules
State officials have held the first meeting of a task force that will study autonomous vehicles and how agencies and local governments should respond to the emerging technology. Some vehicles already come with some level of autonomy, whether it’s braking or lane assist, but car developers are testing fully driverless vehicles in other parts of the country. Eventually, Oklahoma may be home to cars and trucks that drive themselves. Read the article at newsok.com.

Texas DPS Makes Changes to Shorten Lines at Driver's License Offices
The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to shorten lines at some driver's license offices -- but DPS officials also are asking Texans to take advantage of online, phone and mail-in options for license transactions. Customers who arrive at driver's license offices in Texas now will be asked about their eligibility to renew their licenses from home. Many of the millions of Texas drivers who choose to renew their licenses in person actually are qualified to renew at home without waiting in line. Read the article at theeagle.com.

Secretary White’s Legislation Combating Texting While Driving Signed into Law
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation strengthening the law on texting while driving was signed into law by the governor. House Bill 4846, which takes effect July 1, 2019, cracks down on texting while driving by classifying first-time offenses as moving violations. Under the current law, which took effect in 2014, second and subsequent texting while driving offenses are treated as moving violations, while first offenses are treated as nonmoving violations. Read the press release.

The Kansas License Plates You’re Used to Will Start Going Away This Week
For the first time in more than 100 years, Kansas has changed how it manufactures license plates. No longer are the plates embossed with raised letters and numbers and printed in bulk for non-commercial traffic. Beginning later this week, they will be printed on demand using a digital printing process. The printed numbers and letters will then be applied to a flat sheet of aluminum and then stamped out in the shape of a license plate. Read the article at kansas.com.

New Missouri Law Requires Drivers to Turn in Temporary License Tags When Getting Plates
For years, Missouri drivers have complained about other motorists behind the wheel of vehicles with expired temporary license tags — those paper license plates issued by auto dealers to car buyers. The sponsor of a new state law taking effect Aug. 28 hopes it helps deal with the problem. The measure requires people to turn in the temporary paper tags to a state license office when they show up to get their permanent plates and pay sales tax on their newly purchased vehicle. Read the article at stltoday.com.

State Gives DMV $16.6M to Address Swelling Wait Times as Report Uncovers Secret Location Serving Lawmakers (California)
The state legislature this week gave the Department of Motor Vehicles an additional...
$16.6 million in an attempt to alleviate the hourslong wait times at the agency’s field offices. The DMV will use the money to hire 230 people to conduct driver's license and ID card processing, Director Jean Shiomoto said in a statement Wednesday. ... On Thursday, the Sacramento Bee reported it had uncovered a secret DMV branch within the state Capitol that exists expressly to serve elected and appointed officials, both current and retired. It’s been there since the 1990s. Read the article at ktla.com.

Automated License Plate Technology Leads to Stolen Vehicle Recovery in Auburn (California)
A stolen vehicle was recovered and the driver arrested in Auburn, thanks to an alert by a license plate reader camera. The camera, located at the intersection of Auburn Folsom Road and Indian Hill Road, scanned a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee's license plate on Saturday night. The camera sent an electronic message to the police department after comparing the plate with a database of the plates of stolen vehicles, and coming up with a match. Read the article at sacbee.com.

Idaho DMV Upgrades '80s-Based Driver's License System to Web-Based Program
On Thursday and Friday, Idaho Transportation Department closed all driver's license offices across the state to upgrade to a new card issuing system. ITD spokeswoman Jessica Williams said the Twin Falls office was operating smoothly with a few anticipated glitches on Monday. Read the article at kmvt.com.

No Stars Upon Thars: Utah Drivers' Licenses Could Cause Problems at Airport
Utahns arriving at the airport could soon find that their state-issued driver's licenses won't allow them past security. Like a new chapter in Dr. Seuss' classic tale of "The Sneetches" — a story of creatures who either had stars on their bellies or didn't — a missing star on Utah driver's licenses could mean the difference between getting on a plane or being turned away. Read the article at www.ksl.com.

Intersections with Red Light Cameras ‘Likely to be Among Most Dangerous,’ Study Says
Red light cameras don’t cut down on accidents or make intersections safer, a new study shows. True, fewer motorists may blow through red lights, cutting down on T-bone type accidents. But the trade-off is that there are more rear-end collisions as drivers slam on their brakes to avoid going into the intersection and are hit by vehicles from behind. Read the article at wfaa.com.

Survey: Many Parents Set Bad Example for Teen Drivers
Safety advocates hope parents will set a good example for teen drivers. But a new study suggests some parents are having a tough time of it. The study by Liberty Mutual Insurance found 37 percent of parents use apps while driving, compared to 38 percent of teens. It also found 20 percent of parents admit to texting and driving, though 30 percent of teens say their parents text and drive. So it appears many parents are taking a “do as I say, not as I do” approach to educating their teens about the dangers of using their phones while driving. Read the article at myajc.com.

Voting Rights Advocates Used to Have an Ally in the Government. That’s Changing.
A new voter ID law could shut out many Native Americans from the polls in North Dakota. A strict rule on the collection of absentee ballots in Arizona is being challenged as a form of voter suppression. And officials in Georgia are scrubbing voters from registration rolls if their details do not exactly match other records, a practice that voting rights groups say unfairly targets minority voters. Read the article at nytimes.com.

When Should Seniors Stop Driving? Most Never Talk to Anyone About Giving Up Their Car
Most older drivers never talk to a medical professional or family members about their ability to drive safely, according to a new study. But that needs to change, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a nonprofit research and educational arm of
insurance and travel giant AAA. The foundation is urging family members to have discussions with their older loved ones about how they’ll handle driving decisions before they reach the age where they might not be able to drive anymore. Read the article at usatoday.com.

**New Report: Don’t Overlook Humans’ Role in Autonomous Vehicle Safety**

Autonomous vehicles (AVs) promise to bring many mobility benefits and reduce traffic crashes enormously, as the federal government notes 94% of crashes are estimated to involve driver error. However, there will continue to be crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving AVs, especially for the many years ahead when AVs share the road with vehicles driven by humans. The Governors Highway Safety Association’s (GHSA’s) new report, Preparing for Automated Vehicles: Traffic Safety Issues for States, funded by State Farm®, analyzes market trends and finds that most AVs for the foreseeable future will share driving responsibility with humans, and are likely do so for many decades. Read the full press release at ghsa.org.

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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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**MnDOT @MnDOTnews | View the Tweet**

Are you too ‘Minnesota nice’ to zipper merge? Don’t be. Traffic flows best when vehicles travel at roughly the same speed. During times of congestion, using both lanes and waiting to merge helps keep traffic moving steadily. Learn more: http://mndot.gov/zippermerge

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**Stop the Texts @StoptheTexts | View the Tweet**

Which one do you think is more dangerous?
If you guessed texting and driving, you’re right! In 2016 in the U.S, distracted driving claimed over 3,450 lives, while shark attacks killed four people globally. #StopTexts

Tennessee Highway Safety Office @TNHSO | View the Tweet
Attention, teen drivers! Avoid the #BackToSchool selfies if you’re behind the wheel! #ItCanWait

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Automated vehicle technology is advancing quickly, but we’re still a ways out from cars being truly driverless. New @GHSAHQ report points out need to ensure human drivers know and understand both the potential & the limits of tech. http://bit.ly/GHSA-AV18 @StateFarm