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Governor Carney Signs Customer-Friendly DMV Legislation (Delaware)
Governor John Carney was joined by Senator Stephanie Hansen and Representative Ed Osienski today as he signed two pieces of legislation approved by the General Assembly into law that will further enhance the customer service experience for all Delaware drivers. Read the press release.

MVA Introduces New Features On Its Website (Maryland)
Officials with the Motor Vehicle Administration are encouraging Maryland residents to take advantage of its website's new features, including the ability to make appointments and start driver's license renewal paperwork online. Read the article at localdmv.com.

Court: Roadside Drunken Driving Tests Not Valid For Pot (Massachusetts)
Massachusetts' highest court ruled Tuesday that field sobriety tests typically used
in drunken-driving cases cannot be treated as conclusive evidence that a motorist was operating under the influence of marijuana. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

Ontario To Toughen Penalties For Driving Under The Influence Of Marijuana
Ontario will have a “zero tolerance” policy toward young drivers and truckers who use marijuana. Premier Kathleen Wynne on Monday said those 21 and under, commercial drivers, and novice motorists will face stiffer penalties if caught behind the wheel while under the influence of cannabis or booze. Read the article at thestar.com.

Self-Driving Technology Ruled Out as Cause of Pittsburgh Uber Crash (Pennsylvania)
Uber grounded its fleet of self-driving cars in Pittsburgh for a few hours Monday morning as the company investigated a crash. Few details regarding Uber's move to ground its fleet or the company's decision to put it back on the road are available. Read the article at govtech.com.

Pennsylvania Changing 'Motor Voter' To Keep Noncitizens From Registering To Vote
Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation — announced Wednesday it's changing its "Motor Voter" system to prevent noncitizens from illegally registering to vote. Read the article at newsworks.org.

Thousands Of Drivers Are Now Driving With An Expired License (Kentucky)
Clay County officials say between 800 to 1,000 people are driving with an expired license and don't realize it. Officials say the large amount of illegal drivers on the roadways comes after Governor Bevin canceled the license renewal mailer everyone used to receive the month before a license expires. Read the article at wymt.com.

Mississippi Has the License Plate Blues for One More Year
Mississippi will have the license plate blues for one more year. That is, its license plates featuring a picture of blues legend BB King's guitar "Lucille" and the phrase "Birthplace of America's Music" will remain unchanged because the state legislature didn't allocate funds to replace them. Read the article at usnews.com.

Beware Of These Latest Scams Reported By The DMV And Charlotte Police (North Carolina)
You think we'd know by now. Two alerts on Friday – one from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles and the other from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department – show we're still being duped into paying for stuff that's free from the government and by crooks out to get personal information and money. Read the article at charlotteobserver.com.

How Custom License Plates Wind Up On South Carolina's Banned List
In South Carolina, there are more than 3,000 words, acronyms and initials that are off-limits for personalized license plates. A quick look at the banned list has some eye-catching results: IamG0D, Scumbag, Weiner, Thrust, Weed, Police, just to name a few. Read the article at abcnews4.com.

New Law Lets Texas Drivers Help Tackle The State's Rape Kit Testing Backlog
House Bill 1729, which took effect Sept. 1, directs the Department of Public Safety to allow Texans to contribute to that cause when applying for and renewing driver’s licenses and personal identification certificates. Read the article at texastribune.org.
DMV Shortfall Tops $16 Million, Raising Possibility Of Increased Fees (Virginia)
The costs keep coming for lawmakers on Virginia's budget committees, now faced with an estimated $16.4 million operating shortfall at the Department of Motor Vehicles and a bill of $1.1 million — and counting — for repairing and ultimately rebuilding the Virginia State Police’s stricken email network. Read the article at roanoke.com.

Campaign Seeks To Increase Seat Belt Use In Virginia Teens
More than 60 high schools and middle schools in Virginia are participating in a campaign to increase seat belt use among teens and youth. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

Kansas 'KanDrive' Overhaul Project Five Years Behind Schedule
Now five years behind schedule, the Kansas Department of Revenue (DOR) has yet to launch a multimillion-dollar computer system for issuing and tracking 2 million driver’s license records. Read the article at govtech.com.

Ohio Legislative Proposals Target Distracted Driving
The Ohio Legislature is considering two bills aimed at curbing distracted driving after records found that talking, texting and web surfing contributed to nearly 14,000 crashes in the state last year. Read the article at usnews.com.

Smarter Cars Could Curb Crashes, but Tech Not Yet Mainstream (Ohio)
Imagine being able to reduce the number of Ohioans who died in roadway crashes to 103 instead of the 1,033 who were killed in crashes last year. Read the article at govtech.com.

Request For New Specialty License Plate, Comments For 4-H Foundation Open Until October 19, 2017 (Wisconsin)
Using Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), new process for sponsoring an Authorized Special Group license plate, the application for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation’s specialty license plate is available for review at wisconsindmv.gov/SpecialGroupReview. Read the press release for more details.

MVD Goes 'Lean,' Cutting Back In Wait Times (Arizona)
When he lived in Virginia six years ago, Todd Richardson would sometimes spend upward of six hours in the state’s department of motor vehicles. Read the article at dcourier.com.

California Will Spend Big On Clean Vehicles Under Plan Approved By Lawmakers
State lawmakers on Friday approved a $1.5-billion plan for spending cap-and-trade revenue, with most of the money going toward financial incentives to get dirty cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles off the road. Read the article at latimes.com.

2017 California Agriculture Special Interest License Plate
The California Department of Food and Agriculture is currently accepting proposals for the 2017 California Agriculture Special Interest License Plate (CalAgPlate) grant program. Read the article at imperialvalleynews.com.
Colorado’s $68.7 Million From VW Emissions-Cheating Settlement Will Replace Older Vehicles, Fund Electric Charging Stations
Colorado already shared how it plans to slice up the $68.7 million it’s getting in the Volkswagen emissions scandal settlement. On Monday, the public had its say. Read the article at denverpost.com.

Middle Name Throws Up Roadblock With Real ID (New Mexico)
WHICH DOCUMENT DETERMINES MY “REAL” ID? That question comes from Richard Paul Seago Jr., who emails that when you present all your documents for a Real ID driver’s license, the Motor Vehicle Division “will print what is on the birth certificate. Read the article at abqjournal.com.

Oregon Cell Phone, Distracted Driving Law Brings Bigger Fines, Jail Time
Starting Oct. 1, drivers in Oregon can be pulled over for not only texting and talking on their cell phones, but also for navigating, using social media and any other "hands-on" cell phone and electronics use. Read the article at statesmanjournal.com.

Some Ford Explorer SUVs May Face U.S. Recall on Fumes
Several years worth of Ford Motor Co. SUV models moved a step closer to recall in the U.S. over mounting reports of exhaust fumes leaking inside. Read the article at bloomberg.com.

Uber's Self-Driving Fleet Breaks Million-Mile Mark in First Year
Uber's fleet of self-driving cars have logged more than 1 million autonomous miles since the company started offering rides a year ago in Pittsburgh. Read the article at govtech.com.

This New App Lets People Tattle On Distracted Drivers For Cash
Let's get it out of the way—texting and driving is bad. So bad, in fact, that a new startup is encouraging those on the road around you to pick up their phones, assuming they're a passenger, and submit a short video clip of your wrongdoings to it for cash. Text to Ticket is a newer startup based out of San Francisco, California. Read the article at thedrive.com.

Self-Driving Car Bill Passed by House – Will Federal Law Pre-empt State Law for Self-Driving Cars?
On September 6, 2017, the House of Representatives passed a bill intended to ease self-driving cars onto the roads, changing federal rules for safety and vehicle testing. Read the article at natlawreview.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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Follow @AAMVACConnection.
Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

AAA Mid-Atlantic @AAAMidAtlantic | View the Tweet

Slow Down and if possible, move over for tow truck drivers and first responders. It's the law!

Nebraska DOT @NebraskaDOT | View the Tweet

Farmers are outstanding in their fields, respect them & their equipment on the streets too! Share the roads! #FridaySafetyMessage #Harvest
A leisurely drive can turn deadly if you text behind the wheel. #StopTexts

DRIVE SMART Virginia @DRIVESMARTVA | View the Tweet

September is Bicyclist & Pedestrian Awareness Month. Get FREE #BPAM materials from our online toolkit: http://www.drivesmartva.org/outreach-and-education/toolkits/ ... #SeeAndBeSeen

ODCTX @ODCTXTS | View the Tweet
How This Safety Ambassador Plays His Quiz Cards: http://ow.ly/hqUY30flPUV @TxDOT @TTI @TexasTDI @EmpowerTexans @NSCsafety @TX_Alerts @ATT