AAMVA’s Managing Data Privacy & External Access Working Group Meets in Tampa

AAMVA’s Managing Data Privacy & External Access Working Group met February 4-6, in Tampa, FL. AAMVA will soon be publishing an interim report with a preview of the best practice topics the working group has been developing. During last week’s meeting, they continued to refine the draft document, meet with industry stakeholders, and discussed the most beneficial best practices for administering a data privacy program. The best practice is intended to provide guidance to jurisdictions to protect driver and vehicle records, provide access and authorize usage consistent with law, and apply effective and efficient approaches to internal and external audit practices. The working group plans to refine the document further in a small group meeting in April 2020, and expects the final best practice document to be published in late 2020.

Legislative Alert: REAL ID Legislation Introduced in U.S. Congress

On February 11th, Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) introduced HR 5827, the “Trusted Traveler REAL ID Relief Act of 2020.” While much of the legislation is focused on traveler screening, it also includes language in Section 3 that would permit a state to establish a process for the submission of electronic documents to satisfy the requirements of REAL ID. The Act has been referred to the House Homeland Security Committee. Read the full legislative alert.

Test Maintenance Subcommittee is Looking for Region 1 Representative

AAMVA is seeking one jurisdiction representative from Region 1 to serve on the Test Maintenance Subcommittee. The Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) is a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining, and distributing new and/or revised model driver’s license testing systems and related materials (CDL, noncommercial and motorcycle) to the AAMVA member jurisdictions. TMS works closely with the IDEC Board to develop/maintain examiner training curriculums and related materials; and provides guidance, best practices and resources to our members on all issues related to driver testing and examiner training/certification and auditing. If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete the application and email it to committees@aamva.org no later than March 10, 2020. If you have questions about the Test Maintenance Subcommittee, please contact Karen Morton.
**Systems Training**

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).*

**February - CDLIS**

- **19** | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
- **20** | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
- **25** | CDLIS 3-Yr Calc for Serious (advanced)
- **26** | CDLIS Disqualifications for Federal Offenses
- **27** | CDLIS Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals (intermediate)

**Register Online!**

**Our Webinars**

**February**

- **20** | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1
- **25** | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature
- **27** | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2

**March**

- **3** | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the

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**Technical Assistance for Automated Vehicle Testing and Deployment Available to Jurisdiction Members**

Automated Vehicle Technical Assistance is available to AAMVA's jurisdiction members. AAMVA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recognize the need to provide educational-based technical assistance to jurisdictions as you expand your understanding of vehicle technology and develop a strategy to address AV testing and deployment. Assistance can be provided through phone calls, conference calls, webinars, presentations, emails, one-on-one discussions, group meetings, and by providing other available information and resources. [Read more here](#).

**Card Design Standard (CDS) Subcommittee Seeking Jurisdiction Member**

AAMVA is seeking a new jurisdiction driver license representative for the Card Design Standard (CDS) Subcommittee. Preference may be given to applicants from Canadian jurisdictions. The CDS Subcommittee attempts to standardize the means, whether physical or electronic, to confidently identify a person or to confirm identity, primarily in support of road traffic law enforcement. Applicants should have experience working with physical document security and card design. Preference may also be given to applicants with mobile driver licenses (mDL) experience. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you are interested in applying for this position, please [complete the application](#) and email it to committees@aamva.org no later than Friday, February 21, 2020. If you have questions about the CDS Subcommittee or the Joint mDL Working Group, please contact Mindy Stephens or Geoff Slagle.

**This Week’s Webinars**

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (ET)**

NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS help desk personnel, business process analysts and IT system integrators. **Note:** This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

**Georgia Driver Services’ Motorcycle Safety Program Encourages Riders to Train**

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) is offering beginning rider safety courses for riders. “Statistics show that riders with formal training are less likely to be involved in a serious or fatal crash,” said DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. “A motorcycle safety class teaches you the skills you need to ride safely on the road.” All safety courses offered by GMSP are Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) approved. By taking an approved motorcycle safety course, the student will learn the basic rules of the road, become familiar with the laws governing motorcycle usage, and hone their skills on courses supervised by licensed and experienced instructors. [Read more here](#).

**NJMVC Customers May Now Change Their M/F Gender Designation on Driver Licenses and IDs**

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced that customers may now change the M/F gender designation on their New Jersey driver license or non-driver identification card without a doctor’s note. The

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“Declaration of Gender Designation Change for New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card” form is available at NJMVC Agencies and can be downloaded from the NJMVC website, njmvc.gov, and no longer requires the signature of a health care practitioner. Read more here.

FEDERAL NEWS

Trump Administration Issues FY 2021 Budget Request
President Donald Trump has published a $4.8 trillion budget request for fiscal year 2021 that would include reductions in domestic and foreign aid programs. The budget would cut nondefense discretionary spending by $40 billion (or about 6 percent) from current levels. The budget plan requests $21.65 billion for the Department of Transportation (DOT), down from $24.8 billion in 2020 and $26.5 billion in 2019. The budget also includes $66.2 billion in mandatory spending, an 8 percent increase from 2020 enacted levels. Among the cuts included in the budget are cuts to airport improvement programs, the port infrastructure development program, Amtrak, and air service programs. The budget also anticipates a 10-year surface transportation reauthorization that would include $755 billion in spending from the Highway Trust Fund, a $55 billion transfer from the general fund over that course of time, and an additional $190 billion in infrastructure funding from an unidentified source for a total investment of $1 trillion for infrastructure over the course of the next 10 years. Read more here.

U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce Holds Hearing on Autonomous Vehicles
The United States House of Representatives held a hearing on “Autonomous Vehicles: Promises and Challenges of Evolving Automotive Technologies” on February 11th. The hearing discussed the current bipartisan approach to building a framework for the safe testing and deployment of advanced automotive technologies, and featured a witness panel including representatives from the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the American Association of Justice, the National Federation of the Blind, the Consumer Technology Association, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. The hearing explored the most prominent issues facing tackling a legislative framework in 2020, and engaged witnesses on how to resolve issues facing national technological advancements in the automotive industry. Read more here.

NHTSA Grants Nuro Low-Speed Vehicle FMVSS Exemption
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has granted the petition of Nuro, Inc. for a temporary exemption from three requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 500 regarding “low-speed vehicles.” The grant was issued based on: (1) An exemption would make the development or field evaluation of a low-emission motor vehicle easier and would not unreasonably lower the safety level of that vehicle; and (2) that compliance with these requirements would prevent Nuro from selling a motor vehicle with an overall safety level at least equal to the overall safety level of a nonexempt vehicle. The vehicle that Nuro intends to manufacture under this exemption is a highly automated, electric, low-speed vehicle that lacks seating positions and manual driving controls and is smaller, lower, and narrower than conventional vehicles. The exemption applies to requirements that a low-speed vehicle be equipped with exterior and/or interior mirrors, have a windshield that complies with VMSS No. 205 “Glazing materials”; and a backup camera system that meets the requirement in FMVSS No. 111, “rear visibility” limiting the length of time that a rearview image can remain displayed by the system after a vehicle’s transmission has been shifted out of reverse gear. The granting of the exemption represents the first such pet...
General Motors has filed a more complex petition that is still awaiting NHTSA determination. Read more here.

**FMCSA Reduces Unified Carrier Registration Plan Fees for 2020 Registration Year**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a final rule establishing reduction in the annual registration fees the States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies for the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement for the registration years beginning in 2020. For the 2020 registration year, the fees will be reduced by 14.45 percent below the 2018 registration fee level to ensure that fee revenues collected do not exceed the statutory maximum, and to account for the excess funds held in the depository. The reduction of the current 2019 registration year fees range from approximately $3 to $2,712 per entity, depending on the number of vehicles owned or operated by the affected entities. The final rule is effective February 13, 2020. Read more here.

**President Trump Issues Executive Order on Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services**

The Trump Administration has issued an executive order on “Strengthening National Resilience through Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services.” This executive order establishes that the national and economic security of the United States depends on the reliable and efficient functioning of critical infrastructure. Since the United States made the Global Positioning System available worldwide, positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) services provided by space-based systems have become a largely invisible utility for technology and infrastructure, including tremendous applications that support transportation services and emergency response. Because the disruption of these services carries the potential to adversely affect critical infrastructure, the executive order addresses strengthening its resilience, sets policy, and directs the federal government to engage the public and private sectors to identify and promote the responsible use of PNT services and assign PNT profiles for appropriate users. As part of the review of PNT users, the order directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop contractual language for inclusion of requirements for federal contracts that integrate or utilize PNT services. Read more here.

**GHSA 2020 Annual Meeting: Bridging The Gap to Zero Fatalities**

The GHSA 2020 Annual Meeting, August 29 - September 2, 2020 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will feature the challenges and opportunities presented by new technology, while highlighting the latest research and best practices regarding pedestrian safety, mobility, impaired driving and more. Read more here.

**MADD Honors Members of Congress for Lifesaving Work**

Strong drunk driving laws are key to saving lives. That is why we’re so grateful to our legislative partners who have championed MADD’s mission to end the No. 1 killer on our nation’s roads. It is why, each year, we honor lawmakers whose outstanding work has put us closer to a future of No More Victims. MADD recently recognized five members of Congress for their lifesaving efforts, which include introducing legislation that would require alcohol detection technology in all new vehicles and a lifetime of work championing motor vehicle safety. Read more here.