AAMVA Legislative Alert: TSA Extends TWIC Expiration Dates
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued a temporary exemption on the expiration of qualifying Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWICs). Through this action, TSA will extend the expiration date of TWICs that expired on or after March 1, 2020 by 180 days. The extension of the expiration date remains in effect through July 31, 2020 unless otherwise modified by TSA through notice published in the Federal Register. Read the full legislative alert here.

AAMVA Legislative Alert: FMCSA Publishes FAQs Covering Licensing Actions During COVID-19 Emergency
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has compiled this list of responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding actions State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLA) or commercial driver's license holders may take during the public health emergency related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that are permissible under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). Read the full legislative alert here.

This Week's Webinars
NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site
Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
In the past, states contacted the AAMVA Help Desk directly if they needed to make a data correction. As part of the NMVTIS reengineering effort, a Help Desk feature was created to allow states to correct their title and brand data on the central site. When states perform their own data corrections the timeliness and accuracy of the data corrections improves substantially. This webinar is focused on explaining the capability of the Help Desk feature as included in the SWI. Data correction scenarios are explained and matched to the correct update operation within the SWI. A brief overview of the SWI application will also be provided
Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2
Thursday, April 23, 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 Analyst and IT System Integrators.
Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.
Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

Click here to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our homepage.

Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, was first detected in December of 2019. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared it to be a global pandemic. By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a national emergency by President Donald Trump. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has since expanded on the national emergency declaration in the United States to provide HOS relief for commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency aid.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has encouraged many preventative measures, but local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on local conditions. Many states have issued stay at home orders. The federal government has taken additional actions to provide up to $2.3 trillion (H.R.748) in loans to support the economy, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was directed to delay the federal REAL ID deadline.

Below are a selection of news releases and announcements regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

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**COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE**

- CTDOT Highway Safety Office - Slow Down (Connecticut)
- In New Jersey, You Don’t Need to Go to the “DMV”
- COVID-19 | Best Practices When Providing Repairs and Inspections (Vermont)

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**COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Temporary Suspension of Alabama Terminal Excise Tax Requirements
- NCDMV Call Center in Bladen County Is Closed, Pending Result of Employee Virus Test (North Carolina)
- DTOP Extiende Vigencia de ID’s, Permisos de Rótulos de Personas Con Impedimentos y Permiso de Tintes Ciudadanos Tendrán Hasta el 31 de Mayo para Renovar Aquellos Que Vencieron en Marzo o Abril (Puerto Rico)
- DTOP Informa Extensión de Amnistía para Pago de Multas Hasta el 19 de Junio (Puerto Rico)
- Amended Extended Expiration Dates on DMV Documents (West Virginia)

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**COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE**

- BMV Announces Additional Branches Open for Appointment Only New CLP/CDL Credential Transactions (Indiana)
- Golf Courses, Bait Shops Among Businesses Allowed to ReOpen Under Executive Order Issued Friday (Minnesota)
- Additional Driver License Exam Station to Open for New CDL Testing (South Dakota)

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**COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE**

- ICBC Takes Further Steps to Reduce Financial Burden for Drivers During Pandemic (British Columbia)
- DMV Extends All Expiring Driver Licenses (California)
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REGISTER ONLINE!

DMV Reopening Plan Focuses on Getting Commercial Drivers on the Road During Phased Reopening (Colorado)

ITD Extends Studded Tire Removal Deadline (Idaho)

Studded Tire Deadline Extended Until May 15 (Oregon)

Important Updates About Title Transfers, First-Time Registrations, and Dealer Permits (Washington)

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OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Idaho, Ohio, South Carolina, Maryland, Texas, Utah, Washington, Quebec, and Colorado.

Online Address Changes (Ends 05/04/2020)

Signature Policy (Ends 05/01/2020)

Reciprocity for Sales Tax (Ends 04/24/2020)

Salaries for Customer Agents (Ends 04/24/2020)

REAL ID Compliant Issued Cards (Ends 04/24/2020)

Odometer Disclosures (Ends 04/24/2020)

Cultural Name Change (Ends 04/24/2020)

Facial Recognition (Ends 04/24/2020)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

Work Zone Awareness Week Has Extra Significance This Year (Arizona)

For ADOT, National Work Zone Awareness Week is always a big deal. It means more this year. Last month, one of our own, Frank Dorizio, was struck and killed in a work zone on Interstate 10 south of Phoenix. A member of ADOT’s Incident Response Unit, Dorizio was setting up traffic control for a pavement project. Read more at azdot.gov.

National Work Zone Awareness Week Begins April 20: Protect Workers. Protect Road Users. Safe Work Zones for All. (Michigan)

Now, more than ever, the transport and delivery of essential items is crucial. Despite the delay of some projects due to the pandemic, there are many active work zones throughout the state. Roads must be maintained. Bridges need to be inspected. All available contractors have been briefed on the appropriate safety methods to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Next week is National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remind us all to pay extra attention as we drive past our neighbors, friends, relatives, and fellow Michiganders who are working hard to improve our roads and bridges. This year’s theme: Safe work zones for all. Protect workers. Protect road users. Read more at michigan.gov.

MVD Celebrates National Donate Life Month (New Mexico)

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division is recognizing National Donate Life Month in April and encouraging New Mexicans to become organ donors when they obtain or renew their driver’s licenses. “Signing up to potentially save a life is as simple as checking a box,” said Taxation and Revenue Department Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke. “When you apply for your New Mexico license or renew one, you’ll be given the option to register as an organ donor.” Read more at tax.newmexico.gov.

March Impaired Driving Enforcement Results in 75 Alcohol or Drug-Related Arrests and Citations (North Dakota)

Law enforcement agencies across the state participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign from March 1-31, 2020 to reinforce the importance of not driving under the influence. Over the course of the campaign, 75 alcohol or drug-related arrests and citations were issued. Read more at dot.nd.gov.

Ahoy! Vessel Registration Renewals Are Due by June 30 (Washington)

It’s that time again, boaters: To stay valid, boat registrations are due to be renewed by June 30 each year in Washington state. Registration decals are good for the period of July 1 through June 30 of each year. If your boat is currently registered, go online to renew for the coming year. You can also visit a vehicle/vessel licensing
office, many of which remain open during the “stay home, stay healthy” order. Mail-in renewal may also be an option. Read more at licensingexpress.wordpress.com.

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA Announces Support for Alcohol Law Enforcement to Prevent Impaired Driving Grant Opportunities

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces the opening of “Support for Alcohol Law Enforcement to Prevent Impaired Driving” grant opportunity applications. NHTSA supports law enforcement to deter, detect, and arrest DWI offenders. Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agencies oversee the issuance, regulation, compliance, and enforcement of liquor licenses and laws. ALE Agencies enforce laws that impact impaired driving such as: underage drinking, sales to intoxicated persons (SIP), and over service laws. ALE Agencies also investigate establishments to ensure alcohol sales are adhering to state alcohol laws and conduct source investigations to determine where alcohol was purchased and/or consumed when an alcohol-impaired driving or underage drinking and driving crash has occurred. In addition to alcohol, some ALE agencies are regulating cannabis, which may have similar impacts on the prevention of drug impaired driving.

The purpose of the Cooperative Agreement (CA) is to develop and measure the effectiveness of a demonstration program that improves training and technical assistance available to Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agencies. NHTSA will provide assistance to support monitoring new and emerging issues among ALE agencies regarding the enforcement of alcohol laws as it pertains to preventing impaired driving. Recipient will provide tools such as in-person and web-based education and training to ALE agencies to support reducing impaired driving. Applications can be submitted to Grants.gov by May 13, 2020. Read more at grants.gov.

NHTSA Announces Prosecutor Support for Impaired Driving Grant Opportunities

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces the opening of “Prosecutor Support for Impaired Driving” grant opportunity applications. The DOT has a long history of development and evaluation of prosecutor training for the prosecution of impaired driving cases. Beginning in 1991, the DOT committed to developing a comprehensive prosecutorial impaired driving program and other highway safety issues to support states and provide prosecutor training. Previous efforts have created five (5) training courses that state prosecutors may use and developed the delivery of the training to states. These training courses include courtroom preparation for law enforcement as law enforcement and prosecutors work closely to reduce drug impaired driving through enforcement and adjudication. NHTSA’s support for prosecutor training development has continued and this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) provides the opportunity to further develop and evaluate training that will increase the knowledge and skills of state and local prosecutors involved in impaired driving cases. This NOFO supports the development of prosecutorial education to reduce injuries and fatal crashes caused by impaired driving.

The purpose of the Cooperative Agreement is to assist state prosecutors and traffic safety resource prosecutors (TSRPs) in the prosecution of alcohol and drug impaired driving cases. Recipients will support state and local prosecutors, TSRPs, state prosecutor coordinators and other criminal justice professionals in the development, evaluation and delivery of training to increase the effectiveness of state, and local prosecutors as well as law enforcement personnel in the prosecution of impaired driving cases in State courts. In addition, recipients will also hold a yearly training seminar for the State TSRPs to expand prosecutor knowledge on
issues presented in impaired driving cases. Applications can be submitted to Grants.gov by May 13, 2020. Read more at grants.gov.

**Expanded Frequently Asked Questions for State Driver Licensing Agencies and Commercial Drivers Regarding Permissible Actions During the COVID-19 Emergency**

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**PARTNER NEWS**

**Absent Traffic Jams, Many Drivers Getting More Reckless (GHSA)**

Emptier streets may be encouraging some drivers to flout traffic safety laws, including speed limits. Despite there being far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, state highway safety officials across the country are seeing a severe spike in speeding. Many states have reported alarming speed increases, with some noting a significant surge in vehicles clocked at 100 mph or more. Read more at ghsa.org.

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