

## AAMVA Regional News

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### Region I News

#### **More Risk for Unlicensed Drivers as Massachusetts Hikes Fines, Barriers**

Driving without a license in Massachusetts recently got riskier. Overriding a veto from Gov. Deval Patrick late last month, lawmakers approved a requirement that people show proof of legal residence, such as a Massachusetts driver's license, to register a vehicle in this state. Patrick and legislators found common ground on a related measure to hike fines against unlicensed motorists. Stiffer fines also will hit employers who knowingly hire anyone without a license as a driver and vehicle owners who deliberately let unlicensed people behind the wheel. The governor also signed off on increased penalties for stealing or forging driver's licenses, learner's permits or identification cards. Patrick on July 27 vetoed the registration bill, saying it targeted undocumented immigrants and inappropriately required a state agency, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, to enforce federal immigration law. The governor viewed tougher fines aimed at unlicensed drivers in a different light. Lawmakers overrode Patrick's veto on July 30. State data shows police across Massachusetts encounter tens of thousands of drivers who lack licenses every year, though the number charged has declined recently. Statewide, police in Massachusetts issued 24,406 charges for unlicensed driving in 2011. That was down from 27,273 in 2010 and 30,105 in 2009. As of June, police had issued 12,411 unlicensed driving charges so far this year. FMCSA data shows drivers without a license were involved in 30 of 299 fatal crashes in Massachusetts in 2010, the most recent years. Until now, the law said unlicensed drivers could face a fine of "not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000." Now, first-time offenders may be fined up to \$500. The fine jumps to between \$500 and \$1,000 for a second offense and \$1,000 to \$2,000 for subsequent violations. The fine for knowingly hiring an unlicensed driver doubles for a first offense to \$1,000 and rises from a maximum of \$1,000 to \$1,500 on a second offense. Fines are similar for people who knowingly allow unlicensed drivers to use their vehicles. These offenses also can carry jail time. [Read the full story in the Marblehead Reporter.](#)

#### **Judge Won't Halt Pennsylvania Voter Identification Law**

A tough new voter identification law championed by Republicans can take effect in Pennsylvania for November's presidential election, a judge ruled Wednesday, despite a torrent of criticism that it will suppress votes among President Barack Obama's supporters and make it harder for the elderly, disabled, poor and young adults to vote. Judge Robert Simpson said he would not grant an injunction that would have halted the law, which requires each voter to show a valid photo ID. Opponents are expected to file an appeal within a day or two to the state Supreme Court as the Nov. 6 election looms. The Republican-penned law - which passed over the objections of Democrats - has ignited a furious debate over voting rights as Pennsylvania is poised to play a key role in deciding the presidential contest. Plaintiffs, including a 93-year-old woman who recalled marching with Martin Luther King Jr. in 1960, had asked Simpson during a six-day hearing earlier this summer to block the law from taking effect in this year's election as part of a wider challenge to its constitutionality. Simpson didn't rule on the full merits of the case, only whether to grant a preliminary injunction stopping it from taking effect. He rejected claims that the law is unconstitutional and ruled that the challenge did not meet the stiff requirements to win an injunction. "The statute simply gives poll workers another tool to verify that the person voting is who they claim to be," Simpson said. In his 70-page opinion, Simpson said the plaintiffs "did an excellent job of 'putting a face' to those burdened by the voter ID requirement," but he said he didn't have the luxury of deciding the case based on sympathy. Rather, he said he believed that state officials and agencies were actively resolving problems with getting photos IDs and that they would carry out the law in a "nonpartisan, even-handed manner." Because of those efforts, "the

inconvenience of going to PennDOT, gathering required documents, and posing for a photograph does not qualify as a substantial burden on the vast supermajority of registered voters," he wrote. Lawyers from the attorney general's office, which defended the law, pointed out that the state is planning to begin issuing a special photo ID card for registered voters who are unable to get a PennDOT-issued ID and lack other acceptable photo IDs, such as passports or active-duty military IDs. The state also is rolling out a public relations campaign to make people aware of the law. Meanwhile, Obama's Department of Justice is looking at the law and has asked state officials for information about it. [Read the full story at ABC27.com.](#)

## Region II News

### **State to Toughen Mandatory Vehicle Insurance Law (Alabama)**

For 12 years, Alabama law has required all drivers to carry liability insurance on all vehicles they own and operate. It is estimated that 22% of drivers do not, but state officials hope new legislation will reduce that number starting next year. In 2011, legislation passed that "puts teeth" in to the mandatory liability insurance laws. While the first law, created in 2000, was a good law, she said, technological advances have made it easier for law enforcement agencies to enforce the act. While proof of insurance is needed to purchase a tag (register a vehicle), many law violators would purchase an insurance policy for long enough to purchase a tag. The violators would then let the insurance lapse, effectively driving the next five months of the year without insurance. Since insurance cards are marked with six-month policy dates, the violator could show a "current" insurance card to law enforcement officials during a traffic stop or response to an accident. Those involved in accidents with the uninsured then faced filing claims on their insurance policies, or worse, paying a lot of money out of pocket. The new law, which takes effect on Jan. 1, allows tag officials and law enforcement officers to check insurance policy statuses in real-time. Major insurance carriers and state officials have worked together to create a computer server that connects to all major insurance databases. These databases allow officials to verify if policies are current. If insurance is validated, officers will receive an "insurance confirmed" notice. If not, they will receive an "insurance not confirmed" notice. If the insurance cannot be confirmed during an accident or traffic stop, officers have the ability to ticket the driver. Even if an officer lets a driver go, the state will send a notice that insurance was not confirmed. The notice will tell the driver to update their insurance information online through a state Department of Revenue website within 30 days. Failure to confirm insurance at a tag office will also trigger a state notice. Tags can still be issued, but drivers will have to provide updated information on the state website. If insurance is not confirmed during that 30-day period, the car's registration will be revoked and will cost the owner \$200 to have it reinstated. A driver can also be fined \$500 for the first violation. A second violation results in a \$1,000 fine, a \$400 vehicle reinstatement fee and possibly suspension of a driver's license for six months. In some cases, law enforcement officers can impound vehicles. DOR hopes the new law will cut the number of uninsured motorists to under 10%. [Read the full story at eprisenow.com.](#)

### **Illegal Immigrants Could Get Georgia Driver's Licenses**

Illegal immigrants who are granted permission to stay in the country under an Obama administration policy announced in June will be eligible for driver's licenses in Georgia, the state's attorney general wrote in a letter to the governor. Illegal immigrants with this special status would not, however, be eligible for a state identification card. He says such cards are considered public benefits which are not available to illegal immigrants. Under the new policy — which was announced in June and took effect last week — eligible immigrants must have arrived in the U.S. before their 16th birthday, are 30 or younger, have been living here at least five years, are in school or graduated or served in the military. They also must not have a criminal record or otherwise pose a safety threat. They can apply to stay in the country and be granted a work permit for two years, but they would not be granted citizenship. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said earlier this month that each state could determine

whether to issue driver's licenses or extend benefits such as in-state tuition to immigrants who are granted deferred status. The young illegal immigrants who qualify for the new program are not the only illegal immigrants eligible for deferred action on their cases. Federal immigration authorities can also grant deferred action status at their discretion. [Read the full story in the Atlanta Journal Constitution.](#)

### **Mississippi Issues 1st Veterans Driver's License**

Mississippi has issued its first driver's license designed for military veterans. Officials say Mississippi is one of 16 states offering a "veteran" designation on driver's licenses and other state-issued documents. There are approximately 200,000 veterans who call Mississippi home. Certification from the Mississippi Veteran's Affairs Board must be presented before the new veteran's license can be obtained. Veterans who wish to obtain the credential in advance of the normal renewal period must pay the associated replacement fees to get the document. Any subsequent documents an enrolled veteran receives from the Department of Public Safety will have the "veteran" designation. [Read the full story in the Sacramento Bee.](#)

### **North Carolina DMV Inspector Receives National Award**

Acting on a tip from a concerned citizen that a trailer advertised on the *Craigslist* website might be stolen, N.C. DMV License and Theft Bureau Inspector Aaron Carver not only identified a suspect believed to be involved in several trailer thefts, but subsequently charged him with over 40 felony counts of larceny, possessing stolen motor vehicles and other charges. For this, Inspector Carver and Hickory Police Detective David Rocket has received the National Insurance Crime Bureau's 2012 Award of Excellence. Search warrants issued by N.C. DMV and the Hickory Police Department yielded the recovery of 42 stolen motor vehicles, boats, all-terrain vehicles, personal watercraft and utility trailers in Washburn's possession with a total estimated value of \$443,714. Washburn was arrested and placed under a \$650,000 bond. The award, created in 2005, is a joint venture between the NICB and the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators. It is designed to recognize law enforcement members who have distinguished themselves in vehicle theft investigations, making a significant impact involving dismantlement and prosecution of a vehicle theft ring or chop shop. [Read the DOT press release.](#)

### **Oklahoma Driver's License Will Get Makeover**

While its licensing process will stay the same for now, the Department of Public Safety has decided it will move forward with plans to redesign the actual license. The state has negotiated a new contract for the equipment that develops and prints the licenses, and as part of that change the look of the license will be altered slightly. The driver photograph will be moved from the top right side of the card to the bottom left, and some other information on the card will be repositioned slightly under the new system. The system has been totally redesigned so it is faster for the operator, which will speed up the line of people waiting at the tag agencies and exam offices. The department will run a test of the new license upgrade Tuesday in Edmond, with statewide deployment scheduled to start about two weeks later. Statewide implementation is scheduled to be complete in three to four months. The new card also will allow Oklahoma veterans to identify themselves as such with a special insignia. That option will be available beginning November 1. [Read the full story at NewsOK.com.](#)



### **DMV Will Accept Mexican Photo ID Card for Awhile (Texas)**

Texas residents with a Mexican government photo identification card, called a "matricula consular," will have one year to use their cards to register or transfer vehicle titles. For some undocumented Mexicans, the matricula's one-year acceptance at the DMV is no reason to rejoice: They still can't legally drive. Starting Sept. 1, 2013, the DMV will accept only a driver's license or identification certificate issued by a U.S. state or territory and U.S. or

foreign passport or identification documents issued by various other U.S. agencies or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Under the second phase of the rule change, consular identification cards will no longer be accepted. The DMV board voted Aug. 9 to change the rules, and notice of the changes went to county tax offices Aug. 13. Prior to the change, individual counties had the option of whether to accept the card. [Read the full story in the Houston Chronicle.](#)

## Region III News

### **Sports Series Motorcycle Plates Now Available for Purchase** *(Illinois)*

Illinois sports teams' series motorcycle license plates are now available to the public for purchase. Twenty-five dollars from each motorcycle license plate will support the Professional Sports Teams Education Fund with proceeds going to the Common School Fund which supports public schools throughout the state of Illinois. The public can order the motorcycle license plates by visiting [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Fans can order random number, personalized or vanity plates. The cost to purchase a random number plate for a currently titled motorcycle with valid Illinois registration is \$66. Pricing varies for vanity and personalized license plates. Currently, Sports Series license plates available to the motoring public include the Chicago Bears, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Cubs, and Chicago White Sox. In less than two years, more than 18,000 sports series license plates have been sold to automobile owners, generating over \$800,000 in revenue for public schools. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

### **DOT Launches Pilot of Connected Vehicle Crash-Avoidance Technology** *(Michigan)*

Nearly 3,000 cars, trucks and buses equipped with "connected" Wi-Fi technology to enable vehicles and infrastructure to "talk" to each other in real-time to help avoid crashes and improve traffic flow began traversing Ann Arbor, Mich.'s streets on August 21 as part of a year-long safety pilot project by the U.S. DOT. Conducted by University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), the road test, or model deployment, is a first-of-its-kind test of connected vehicle technology in the real world. The test cars, trucks and buses, most of which have been supplied by volunteer participants, are equipped with vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communication devices that will gather extensive data about system operability and its effectiveness at reducing crashes. According to NHTSA, V2V safety technology could help drivers avoid or reduce the severity of four out of five unimpaired vehicle crashes. To accomplish this, the model deployment vehicles will send electronic data messages, receive messages from other equipped vehicles and translate the data into a warning to the driver during specific hazardous traffic scenarios. Such hazards include an impending collision at a blind intersection, a vehicle changing lanes in another vehicle's blind spot or a rear collision with a vehicle stopped ahead, among others. The model deployment is the second phase of DOT's connected vehicle Safety Pilot, a major research initiative managed by NHTSA and the Research and Innovative Technologies Administration (RITA) Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office. Earlier this year, DOT released data from a series of "driver acceptance clinics" conducted during the first phase of the Safety Pilot. The study revealed that an overwhelming majority of drivers (nine out of 10) who have experienced V2V technology have a highly favorable opinion of its safety benefits and would like to have V2V safety features on their personal vehicle. The information collected from both phases of the Safety Pilot, and other key research projects, will be used by NHTSA to determine by 2013 whether to proceed with additional activities involving connected vehicle technology, including possible rulemaking. [Read more about DOT's connected vehicle research.](#) [Read the full story in Roads and Bridges.](#)

### **Secretary Johnson Unveils Two New License Plates for Motorists (Michigan)**

With a view she called "Pure Michigan" as a backdrop, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson unveiled two new license plates today: a colorful Mackinac Bridge plate and the Pure Michigan plate, which will eventually replace the state's standard blue bar plate. Michigan will move to a new standard plate that features a rolling blue wave and the Pure Michigan brand. Like the current blue and white standard plate, it will have a configuration of up to seven characters and will be available at no additional cost. Incorporating Pure Michigan on the state's license plates is a way to reinforce the Pure Michigan brand message both in state and around the country. The Mackinac Bridge plate, which will gradually replace the state's Spectacular Peninsulas plate, features the bridge against a sunrise background. It will also have the state's Pure Michigan branding. The new Mackinac Bridge plate will cost \$5 in addition to regular registration fees. Both new plates display the Pure Michigan logo at the top, replacing the block letter MICHIGAN on current plates. The new standard plates have [michigan.org](http://michigan.org) printed at the bottom, the address of Michigan's official travel and tourism website. Residents are expected to be able to order a new Pure Michigan standard plate beginning in early 2013 and the Department of State will begin issuing the new Mackinac Bridge plates after that. Current Spectacular Peninsulas and standard plates will remain valid for the duration of their registration period. [Read the SOS press release.](#)



### **Nebraska Governor Vows to Deny Licenses to Undocumented 'DREAMers'**

Undocumented immigrants in Nebraska who can work legally under a new policy by the Obama administration will not be able to drive themselves to their job if that state's governor has anything to say about it. Joining Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman vows to deny driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants who qualify for a new policy that would suspend deportation for at least two years and allow them to obtain work permits. Heineman said the state will not issue licenses, welfare benefits or any other public assistance to the immigrants unless otherwise required by Nebraska law. The federal policy that went into effect this week allows undocumented immigrants to apply for a work permit and a temporary stay if they were brought to the country as children and have no criminal background. [Read the full story at Fox News.](#)

### **Proposal Would Double North Dakota Speeding Fines**

State lawmakers are backing large increases in North Dakota's highway speeding fines, some of which haven't been increased in four decades or more. The measure also would simplify the process of calculating the penalties, which is difficult to do without a detailed explanatory chart. North Dakota's fine amounts vary, depending on the speed limit where the violation is clocked. The committee's approval means the bill will be introduced in the 2013 Legislature. Lawmakers have been reluctant to jack up speeding fines despite pleas from law enforcement officers and safety advocates. The proposal has different fine schedules for highways where the speed limit is 65 mph or lower, and for roads where the limit is more than 65 mph. It eliminates an existing fine table for roads with limits of 55 mph or less. Driving 65 mph on a state highway where the speed limit is 55 mph currently carries a \$10 penalty. The legislation would raise that fine to \$50. Someone going 80 mph on Interstate 29 or 94 now risks a \$25 fine; the bill would raise the sum to \$50. An 85 mph interstate speeder now can be ticketed for \$50; under the proposed law, the fine would be \$90. The legislation would also allow North Dakota cities that have their own traffic ordinances to raise their own fines. Under current law, they cannot set their own penalties. [Read the full story in the Bismarck Tribune.](#)

### **State Patrol Making More Drug Busts (Ohio)**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol has significantly boosted drug arrests and seizures with an increased focus on what officials call a critical part of the fight against narcotics: their transportation. The patrol reported this week that drug arrests were up 26% in the first seven months of this year compared with the same period in 2011. That follows a significant boost in heroin and marijuana seizures on the state's roadways in the first six months of this year, by a whopping 327% for heroin and more than double for marijuana. Officials both inside and outside the state patrol said these increases are significant because Ohio's multiple interstate highways make it a place where drugs frequently transported. By stopping their movement, they said, troopers take drugs out of circulation and begin or continue larger investigations. Unlike some other law enforcement units, which can take weeks or months investigating before a major drug bust, the patrol's arrests and seizures often occur because of a routine traffic stop. Troopers have been trained to look for signs of unusual behavior or activity related to drugs, and the patrol has assigned personnel and K-9 handlers to Criminal Patrol Units that focus on drug activity. The patrol's 6,137 drug arrests last year came as part of 1.4 million contacts with motorists. Officials attribute the increase to training, awareness and cooperation between units like the patrol's Office of Investigative Services (which moves investigations forward) and Criminal Intelligence Unit (which manages and shares information). [Read the full story in the Dayton Daily News.](#)

### **Wisconsin State Patrol Wins Police Vehicle Design Contest for Its New Cruisers**



The exterior design for the Wisconsin State Patrol's new 2013 Ford cruisers won this year's International Police Vehicle Design Contest in the Federal and State Agencies Category sponsored by "Law and Order" magazine. State Patrol currently has 14 of its new cruisers with the award-winning design as a pilot project. The design has a traditional or "retro" look in honor of the upcoming 75th anniversary of the founding of the State Patrol, which will occur in 2014. Moreover, ample reflective materials in the graphic elements, especially on the rear and sides of the cruisers, increase safety and visibility at night. The contest judges commented, "This is a simple, but

very classic and old-school design. It strikes a fine balance of just enough but not too much." [See the award-winning new cruiser.](#) [Read the DOT press release.](#)

## **Region IV News**

### **Executive Order from Governor Jan Brewer Blocks Ids, Benefits For Illegal Immigrants (Arizona)**

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has ordered state agencies to deny driver's licenses and other public benefits to young illegal immigrants who obtain work authorizations under a new Obama administration policy. In an executive order, Brewer said she was reaffirming the intent of current Arizona law denying taxpayer-funded public benefits and state identification to illegal immigrants. Young illegal immigrants around the nation on Wednesday began the process of applying for federal work permits under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The federal policy defers deportations for that group if they meet certain criteria, including arrival in the United States before they turned 16 and no convictions for certain crimes. After President Barack Obama announced the policy change in June, Brewer labeled it "backdoor amnesty" and political pandering by the Democratic president. Arizona has been in the vanguard of states enacting laws against illegal immigration. In the past decade, Arizona voters twice approved laws denying publicly funded services, such as in-state resident university tuition rates, to illegal immigrants unless mandated by the federal government. Brewer's order said the policy's federal paperwork doesn't confer lawful status on illegal immigrants and won't entitle them to Arizona public benefits. However, it

said the policy change "could result in some unlawfully present aliens inappropriately gaining access to public benefits contrary to the intent of Arizona voters and lawmakers who enacted laws expressly restricting access to taxpayer funded benefits and state identification." Brewer directed state agencies to start any necessary emergency rulemaking processes to implement her order. [Read the full story at ABC15.com](#). Read a related story "[Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's Ban on Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants Likely to Wind up in Court](#)".

### **Bill Raising Fees for Legislative License Plates Sent to Jerry Brown (California)**

Legislation to eliminate a perk of elective office by raising fees for legislative and congressional license plates was sent to the governor today. Assembly Bill 2068 cleared its final legislative hurdle when the Assembly concurred in amendments, 69-0. The measure would eliminate bargain rates for current or former legislative or congressional members to acquire specialty license plates commemorating their service. The bill would take effect in January 2014 if signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown. California's current charge of \$12 to acquire legislative or congressional license plates would quadruple, to \$48, under the bill. The measure also would add an annual renewal fee of \$38, and a new fee of \$38 for a duplicate plate. Revenue generated by AB 2068, in excess of DMV costs, would be deposited in the California Environmental License Plate Fund. [Read the full story in the Sacramento Bee](#).

### **California Poised to Grant Driver's Licenses to Young Illegal Immigrants**

California is on the verge of allowing hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants to receive driver's licenses for the first time in nearly two decades. The key question is how to do it. The issue of granting driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants has raged in the Legislature for much of the past decade, without resolution, but fighting is largely moot now due to a new federal policy. President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals gives a select group of undocumented immigrants the right to live and work in the United States for two years without fear of deportation. California is laying the groundwork for extending the privilege to driving, too, for an estimated 400,000 immigrants. The glitch is that state regulations allow only certain types of federal immigration documents to support the issuance of a driver's license. If President Obama's Deferred Action program provides participants with "new or different immigration documents," then legislation or regulatory clarification may be needed. Unless Brown takes a stand against issuing driver's licenses, passage of such legislation appears a sure thing in a Democratic-controlled Legislature that has consistently supported driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants in years past. The governor, on the campaign trail, had spoken against changing state law to allow all undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. [Read the full story in the Sacramento Bee](#).

### **Man Pleads Guilty in DMV Fraud Case (California)**

Fresno resident Yadwinder Singh, 50, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of conspiring to unlawfully produce California driver's licenses. Authorities said Singh acted as a "recruiter" in a scheme to issue commercial driver's licenses to people who didn't pass the required tests. Singh was one of more than a dozen people who were arrested. The operation allegedly centered on Fresno resident Alfonso Casarez, a former employee at the DMVs West Olive Avenue office. According to a 34-count federal grand jury indictment, Casarez electronically altered DMV records to show that applicants for "Class C" or "Class A" commercial driver's licenses had passed required written and behind-the-wheel tests when in reality they hadn't taken the tests. Instead, they had paid Casarez to alter DMV records. Singh is the fourth of 15 people arrested in the scheme to plead guilty. All four are at a lower-level in the conspiracy. [Read the full story in The Fresno Bee](#).

## Other News of Interest

### **AAMVA Publishes Best Practices Guide for Improving ALPR Effectiveness**

Since their inception more than a century ago, license plates have primarily been used to display information for fast and accurate identification of a motor vehicle and to demonstrate compliance with motor vehicle registration laws. Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) provide law enforcement with the ability to check license plates against various databases. Inconsistent business rules utilized by the entities who issue license plates result in "misreads", diminishing law enforcement's ability to identify and apprehend suspected criminals or terrorists, recover stolen vehicles, or assist people in need of assistance. In addition, these inconsistencies hamper Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) ability to correctly identify vehicles crossing international borders. As a result, in April 2011 AAMVA created the ALPR Working Group. The Working Group is now pleased to publish the [Best Practices Guide for Improving Automated License Plate Reader Effectiveness through Uniform License Plate Design and Manufacture](#). The purpose of this guide is to identify best practices in license plate design, manufacture and issuance to aid jurisdictions in creating and issuing license plates best suited to vehicle identification. License plates serve a common purpose across jurisdictions, so they should also share common characteristics that allow readability, usability, and connections to vehicle registration records. [Download the ALPR Best Practice Guide](#).

### **Immigration Agents Sue Over New Deferred Deportation Program**

A small group of immigration agents is suing the Obama administration, saying that the agents should not be required to implement a program to grant work permits and halt the deportation of some young illegal immigrants. The lawsuit alleges that the program, as well as directives issued last year that require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers to use broader discretion in immigration cases, violates a 1996 federal law that requires federal agents to put into deportation proceedings those who entered the country unlawfully. Filed by 10 ICE officers and agents on Thursday in federal court in Dallas, the lawsuit alleges that Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and ICE Director John Morton have caused harm by issuing directives that the agents say forces them to violate their oaths of office. Starting Aug. 15, young undocumented immigrants have been able to file for a two-year waiver of deportation and a work permit under a new DHS policy called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Applicants must be under the age of 31 and have arrived in the U.S. before the age of 16, among other requirements. Immigrants who meet the criteria but are already in deportation proceedings can apply to have their removal halted as well. The lawsuit filed Thursday is being funded by Numbers USA, a Virginia-based organization which advocates for lower immigration levels. [Read the full story in the Los Angeles Times](#).

### **FBI To Open Facial Recognition Searches to Police Nationwide**

The FBI is expanding the pilot project of its facial recognition software and will be offering a free-of-charge client software version later this summer to law enforcement agencies. The Universal Face Workstation will enable law enforcement agencies to conduct automated facial/photo searches with minimal resource investment. The facial recognition system was piloted in February with the state of Michigan, which is currently submitting searches to the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division. Several other states are now joining the initiative. MOU's have also been executed with Hawaii and Maryland, and South Carolina, Ohio and New Mexico are engaged in the MOU review process for facial recognition pilot participation. Kansas, Arizona, Tennessee, Nebraska and Missouri are also interested in facial recognition pilot participation. The agency's facial recognition pilot provides a search of a repository of nearly 13 million criminal mug shot photos taken at time of booking. It is scheduled to be fully operational in the summer of 2014. [Read the full story at GCN.com](#).



### Did you know . . .

- *The total US food supply provides 500 more calories per day per person than it did in the 1970s, an increase of 24%, according to the US Department of Agriculture.*
- *In fast food restaurants, portions are two to five times larger today than in the 1980s.*
- *In the 1964 edition of the Joy of Cooking, a recipe for chocolate chip cookies was said to yield 45 servings. In the 1997 edition, the same recipe was said to yield only 36 servings.*
- *According to the latest federal health statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the average adult weighed nearly 10% more in 2003 than in the 1980s. Males grew from 168 to 180 pounds, females from 142 to 152.*
- *In the past 10 years the standard movie seat has grown more than 10%, from 19 to 22 inches wide.*
- *In the National Football League, the average weight for players rose 10% from 1983 to 2006, to 248 pounds. In 1976, three NFL Players weighed more than 300 pounds; in 2006 that number was 570, or one in five players.*