

## "AAMVA, Yeah We Do That" Webinar This Week! AAMVA's The Week In Review For October 9, 2012



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[Register today](#) to take part in the "AAMVA, Yeah We Do That" webinar, coming up **TOMORROW**, October 10th, 2-3 p.m. (ET). Join Ian Grossman, AAMVA's Vice President of Member Services & Public Affairs for a discussion on everything you never knew you didn't know about AAMVA, and more!

Have you ever wondered, what exactly does AAMVA do? Well now's your chance to find out. [Get registered for this upcoming webinar](#) and find out how AAMVA is here to serve you, from A to Z. You'll hear the latest information, products, best practices and services that AAMVA offers its members. [Check out AAMVA's blog for more information.](#)

We promise you'll learn more about AAMVA, and you might even catch yourself saying "I didn't know AAMVA did that!"



### AAMVA Travels to Switzerland

AAMVA's Mike Calvin attended the UN Economic Commission for Europe, Inland Transport Committee, Working Party on Road Traffic Safety's (WP1) Sixty-fourth Session, in Geneva, Switzerland, September 19-22, 2012. WP1 is the Working Party within the United Nations responsible for the Road Safety and Licensing provisions of the Geneva and Vienna Conventions of 1948 and 1968 respectively. WP1 meets regularly twice a year on the UN campus in Geneva to discuss issues related to "Road Safety" and the "Conventions" that it maintains and safeguards. WP1 played an integral part in the establishment of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2012. Calvin was there representing the ISO SC17 WG10 group on Driver Licenses that AAMVA participates in.

### Grant Opportunities

The following grant opportunities are now available:

DOT

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
State Graduated Driver Licensing Incentive Grant

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-05/html/2012-24640.htm>

DOT

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Distracted Driving Grant Program <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-05/html/2012-24629.htm>

DOT

Department of Transportation

DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FY 2013 CVISN Notice of Funding Availability Modification 10  
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=200253>

### **CDLIS Modernization Update**

Texas is the most recent Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) Site to implement CDLIS Modernization (Release 5.2) in production this past weekend, bringing the total number of sites in production to 33 (including 31 jurisdictions, the Federal Convictions and Withdrawals Database (the 'MX' node) , and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Site (the 'FH' node)). In addition, several other states are actively testing with AAMVA. For details please refer to <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS-Mod-Updates/>

### **IDEC Examiner Renewals Time!**

Recently, AAMVA sent out a list of the certified examiners whose certifications are expiring in 2012. If you have not received your list for 2012, or would like additional information on the IDEC program, please contact Denise Hanchulak at [dhanchulak@aamva.org](mailto:dhanchulak@aamva.org). The International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) program was created to assist jurisdictions in the training of driver licensing examiners and to upgrade the level of training received by driver licensing examiners. The Certified Commercial Examiner (CCE) program meets the Examiner/3rd Party Training requirements defined by FMCSA in 49 CFR s384.228.

### **Open RFPs on AAMVA's Web Site**

The following RFPs are open and accepting proposals:

- Wisconsin DMV, Automated Knowledge Testing System Software for the Division of Motor Vehicles (close date: October 16, 2012, 2:00 PM Central)
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Driver's License Division, Digital Driver License System (close date: November 7, 2012, 3:00 PM Central)
- Oregon DMV, Strategic Information System Plan (SISP) (close date: November 15, 2012)

More details are available on AAMVA's Web site at <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/>

### **Survey Deadline Extended - AAMVA's e-ID Working Group Needs Your Input**

AAMVA's e-ID working group would like to collect some general information regarding e-ID and would like very much to hear from as many jurisdictions as possible. Please respond to this survey. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after the survey.

- [e-ID Working Group Survey](#) (Ends 10/12/2012) Responses received from AK, AL, FL, GA, IA, IN, LA, MD, ME, MO, MT, NC, ND, NM, OR, PA, QC, SC, VA, VT.

The e-ID Working Group appreciates your input. If you need a Web password, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

### **AAMVA Blog: Injunction Junction, What's Your Function?**

"The chronicle of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's voter ID law may have finally ended—at least for the time being. After being sent the state's voter ID law from the state Supreme Court to decide its constitutionality, Commonwealth Court Judge Robert E. Simpson Jr. ordered a temporary injunction barring the law from being enforced before the November general elections. (Ironically, Simpson is the same judge who had initially upheld the law in August before being sent to the Supreme Court.)The judge reasoned this time around that the law did not allow potential voters to receive the IDs they needed in time for the elections. He said in his 17-page opinion, "...I am still not convinced in my predictive judgment that there will be no voter disenfranchisement" if the law was to take effect immediately..."

Check out the full analysis on [AAMVA's blog](#) by Andrew Guevara, AAMVA Coordinator, Government Affairs.

### **Congress Passes Military Commercial Driver's License Act of 2012**

Congress has passed S.3642 - The Military Commercial Driver's License Act of 2012. This Act would change the domicile requirements for military members. Very simply, the Act would modify the domicile requirements in U.S. Code to allow for a state to issue a commercial driver's license (CDL) to an individual who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) who is a member of the active duty military, military reserves, National Guard, active duty United States Coast Guard, or Coast Guard Auxiliary and is not domiciled in the State, but whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in the State.

AAMVA has previously noted that in May 2011, FMCSA published its final rule on Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards (FMCSA-2007-27659; RIN 2126-AB02). Among other provisions of the rule, Section 383.77 of the rule addresses the state capacity for substitution of a driving skills test for drivers with military commercial motor vehicle experience. However, even with the legislative change to domicile requirements, military personnel will still need to present a waiver form in order to waive the skills test. A copy of this waiver form is available on the [AAMVA Web site](#).

Specifically the bill:

- Amends 49 USC 31311(a)(12) to allow a state to issue a commercial driver's license only to an individual who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle and is domiciled in the state.
- Directs regulations prescribed by the Secretary to allow a state to issue a CDL to an individual who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle and is not domiciled in a state that issues CDLs.
- Allows a state to issue a CDL to an individual who operates or will operate a CMV who is a member of the active duty military, military reserves, National Guard, active duty United States Coast Guard, or Coast Guard Auxiliary and is not domiciled in the state, but whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in the state.

Full text of the bill is available [here](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin, at [ccashin@aamva.org](mailto:ccashin@aamva.org) or (703) 908-8276.

### **CDLIS Access Change**

As of midnight Tuesday, October 9th, access to the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) via the FMCSA Gateway may be going down. Access to CDLIS from the state systems will continue to function as usual. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has contracted with a new company to develop and operate the Gateway using new technology presented in the response to a solicitation issued by FMCSA in May 2012. During the transition from the incumbent contractor, because of unforeseen transition problems, the Gateway may be down for up to ninety days. FMCSA apologizes for any inconvenience this will cause. As a result of this disruption, FMCSA Field offices, state motor carrier inspection agencies (MCSAP) and other Federal agencies authorized to have access to CDLIS will not be able to obtain CDL status and driver history from CDLIS through FMCSA's portal, Query Central, or other FMCSA programs.

There are only two options for law enforcement and authorized agents of FMCSA to gain access to commercial driver's license (CDL) driver status without going through FMCSA's Gateway to CDLIS. The first is by using the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets). This is normal procedure for certified law enforcement and FMCSA will also use Nlets terminals to obtain CDL status during our compliance reviews and other activities. The second option is to make contact with the state Driver License Agency (SDLA) and request driver status and history

FMCSA is working closely with the AAMVA staff and the new contractor to bring the New Gateway system up as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding this transition process, please feel free to contact: Selden Fritschner, Chief of the CDL Division by phone - 202.366.0677 or by e-mail: [selden.fritschner@dot.gov](mailto:selden.fritschner@dot.gov).

### **NHTSA: Traffic Deaths Rise an Estimated 9%**

The U.S. government reports a 9% increase in motor vehicle traffic fatalities for the first half of 2012, the largest jump during the first six months of any previous year since data was first collected in 1975.

A statistical projection from January through June estimates 16,290 people died in vehicular crashes this year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The previous highest increase during the first half of the year was 6.4% in 1979. The full report is available at <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811680.pdf>.

### **CDC: Teen Drinking and Driving Falls by Half**

The number of teens who drive after drinking has dropped by more than half - 54% - since 1991, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The study looked at self-reports of drinking and driving from the national Youth Risk Behavior Surveys, as well as blood alcohol results from fatal crashes involving teens nationwide. In 2011, 10.3% of high school students aged 16 or older reported drinking and driving in the previous 30 days, compared with 22.3% in 1991. The full report is available at [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6139a5.htm?s\\_cid=mm6139a5\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6139a5.htm?s_cid=mm6139a5_w).

### **Saskatchewan Eliminates License Plate Stickers/Tags**

Effective Nov. 1, 2012, SGI, the administrator for vehicle registration in Saskatchewan, will no longer be issuing license plate stickers/tags. By eliminating stickers/tags, SGI is making it even simpler to renew license plates. SGI ensures all motorists receive registration renewal reminders by letter or email and offers easy and convenient registration renewals at any motor license issuing office, online through MySGI, by phone, or by mail. Eliminating stickers/tags will result in annual savings of \$100,000 for SGI, which will be redirected to support traffic safety enforcement technology, such as Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems. Blank stickers/tags will be issued upon renewal after Nov. 1 to cover existing stickers/tags.