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## AAMVA News

### **Early Bird Registration for Annual International Conference Ends July 17th**

Take advantage of AAMVA's early bird registration rate for the 2014 Annual International Conference. Get registered today and take part in this year's exciting conference at the splendid Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to meet and share ideas with fellow jurisdiction members, industry experts, and innovative leaders. Visit [www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/](http://www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/).

### **Cellphone Roaming Charges May Apply While at the Region IV Conference in Vancouver**

Those traveling to Canada for a Region IV Conference in Vancouver may want to contact their cellular phone provider to request Canadian coverage. Doing so will reduce phone expenses while at the conference by avoiding roaming costs.

## Region I

### **DMV Introduces Online Registration Option (Delaware)**

You might not have to wait in long lines at the DMV anymore. According to DelDOT, the Delaware DMV has added an online vehicle registration service. Customers can now complete the registration process from their work, home, or with their mobile devices. Read the full story at WDel.com.

<http://www.wdel.com/story.php?id=59494>

## Region II

### **Commission To Consider Approval of "Automated Traffic Enforcement System" for School Buses (Georgia)**

On the agenda for tonight's Decatur City Commission meeting, "approval of an agreement with the City Schools of Decatur and American Traffic Solutions, Inc. for equipment, installation and maintenance of an automated traffic enforcement system to detect vehicles illegally passing school buses when children are loading and unloading." Read the full story at DecaturMetro.com.

<http://www.decalurmetro.com/2014/05/19/commission-to-consider-approval-of-automated-traffic-enforcement-system-for-school-buses/>

### **NC Troopers Say Distracted Driving Law isn't Working**

If your eyes are focused on the road in front of you, you may not even notice that a lot of people's aren't. Again and again we found drivers with a steering wheel in one hand and a cell phone in the other. It's alarming to watch just how many people aren't watching where they're going. It's a horrible habit that can come with deadly consequences. Read the full story at WBTV.com.

<http://www.wbtv.com/story/25558717/nc-troopers-say-distracted-driving-law-isnt-working>

### **Governor McAuliffe Announces Personnel Transition at Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control**

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that Rick Holcomb, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, will become acting Chief Operating Officer at the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) following the retirement of W. Curtis Coleburn. Read the full story on [www.gloucestercounty-va.com](http://www.gloucestercounty-va.com).

<http://www.gloucestercounty-va.com/2014/05/governor-mcauliffe-announces-personnel.html>

### **Virginia DMV Launches New Social Media Outlet**

Virginians are encouraged to get out their cell phone cameras, snap a self-portrait of them buckled up while parked and share it on social media sites using the hashtag #SafetySelfieVA. Virginia DMV will search for and post these buckled-up selfies daily on its new Instagram page. Read the DMV press release.

<https://secure2.sglc.com/DMSImage/16820140522064211940/0.htm>

## **Region III**

### **Vehicle Renewal Sticker Receipt Legislation Approved by House (Illinois)**

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to allow a printed receipt from the Secretary of State to serve temporarily as the vehicle renewal sticker was approved today by the Illinois House of Representatives. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2014/may/140519d1.pdf>

### **This Week's Best State in America? Ohio, for its Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

Even when they do go to the BMV, Ohioans don't have to spend much time there. The average Ohio resident waits just under 15 minutes to receive service at any of the agency's 204 locations around the state. Compare that with nearly 54 minutes in California, according to another survey conducted by DMV.com, a group that monitors driving statistics and state licensing policies. Read the full story at [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com).

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/this-weeks-best-state-in-america-ohio-for-its-bureau-of-motor-vehicles/2014/05/16/c3f2f0ac-d9dd-11e3-bda1-9b46b2066796\\_story.html?hpid=z3](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/this-weeks-best-state-in-america-ohio-for-its-bureau-of-motor-vehicles/2014/05/16/c3f2f0ac-d9dd-11e3-bda1-9b46b2066796_story.html?hpid=z3)

### **'Enhanced' Driver's License Bill Speeds Through Ohio House Committee**

Legislation allowing Ohio to issue “enhanced” driver’s licenses and identification cards sailed through a House committee on Tuesday afternoon. Following the 10-1 vote, the bill’s sponsor said he hopes to see a full House vote on the measure before the legislature departs next month for summer break. Read the full story at Cleveland.com.

[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/05/enhanced\\_drivers\\_license\\_bill\\_1.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/05/enhanced_drivers_license_bill_1.html)

### **DMV More Than Halfway Through Replacing Sesquicentennial License Plates (Wisconsin)**

The special license plate developed for Wisconsin’s Sesquicentennial and other red-lettered plates are quickly becoming history as more than 150,000 have been replaced since August 2013. Over the next five months, roughly 150,000 more will be replaced. Read the DOT press release.

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news)

## **Region IV**

### **Californians Happy with the DMV According to Customer Satisfaction Study**

DMV.com, a guide for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and driving related issues, published a DMV Customer Satisfaction Study showing California as one of the highest rated DMVs in America. The study compares results from an online survey conducted over a 10-month period where customers in each U.S. state were asked to rate their satisfaction with 7 different DMV service categories. Read the full story at MMDNewswire.com.

<http://www.mmdnewswire.com/california-happy-with-the-dmv-130619.html>

### **DMV Adopts Autonomous Vehicle Testing Rules (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced that the Office of Administrative Law has adopted regulations governing how manufacturers can test autonomous vehicles on California roads, effective September 16, 2014. Read the DMV press release.

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/newsrel/newsrel14/2014\\_34.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/newsrel/newsrel14/2014_34.htm)

### **DMV Working with Police to Crack Down on Repeat DUI Offenders (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has teamed up with 35 law enforcement agencies across the state in an effort to keep suspended drivers with prior DUI convictions off the road. Read the DMV press release.

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/newsrel/newsrel14/2014\\_36.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/newsrel/newsrel14/2014_36.htm)

## Other News

### **Anti-Drunk Driving Law Takes Effect Next Month (Philippines)**

Starting next month, law enforcers will strictly implement the law penalizing drivers caught driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal substance after the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) yesterday issued its implementing rules and regulations (IRR). Transportation Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya said the issuance of the guidelines for Republic Act 10586 or the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act coincides with the observance of Road Safety Month in June. Read the full story at PhilStar.com.

<http://www.philstar.com/metro/2014/05/17/1323979/anti-drunk-driving-law-takes-effect-next-month>

### **Cost to Drive Drops, AAA Reports**

How much does your vehicle cost you to drive it each year? According to findings from AAA, owning and operating a new car in 2014 costs 2.7 percent less that it did last year. Read the full story at SantaCruzLive.

<http://www.santacruzlive.com/streetsmarts/2014/05/14/cost-to-drive-drops-aaa-reports/>

### **Study Reveals Top Rage-Inducing Driving Habits**

As many people prepare to hit the road for Memorial Day, a new study is uncovering the types of behaviors that are most likely to elicit road rage. Distracted drivers are the most infuriating, according to Expedia.com's 2014 Road Rage Report. Read the full story at WTOP.com.

<http://www.wtop.com/?nid=41&sid=3625665>

### **Cars Could Drive Themselves Sooner than Expected after European Push**

Cars could be driving themselves down the world's streets far sooner than expected, thanks to a change in a global treaty backed by European countries. A little-noticed amendment to the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic agreed last month would let drivers take their hands off the wheel of self-driving cars. Read the full story at News.Yahoo.com.

<http://news.yahoo.com/cars-could-drive-themselves-sooner-expected-european-push-113959388--finance.html>

### **Inside Volvo's self-driving car: Improving driver safety without the driver**

Autonomous cars are coming soon, and Volvo wants to be there first. The company is pledging to have self-driving autos on sale by 2017, and by 2020 wants to build a nearly uncrashable car. Join us in Sweden for an early test ride. Watch the video on CNET.com.

<http://www.cnet.com/news/a-ride-in-volvos-autonomous-car-how-the-next-step-in-driver-safety-requires-replacing-the-driver/>

## **Advanced Motor Vehicle Safety Systems Pose Dangers For Lazy Drivers**

While many studies show that a vehicle's high-tech safety features reduce road risks, a new report says they can be dangerous for distracted drivers who overly rely on them or don't know what to do if they fail. AAA recently tested adaptive cruise control and autonomous braking systems in typical driving situations at the Auto Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center. Read the full article on TheStreet.com.

<http://www.thestreet.com/story/12719738/1/advanced-motor-vehicle-safety-systems-pose-dangers-for-lazy-drivers.html>

## **Did You Know**

### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – MAKE IT A SAFE ONE!**

As the daughter of a retired USMC officer, I appreciate and honor those who put their lives on the line for their country, and always celebrate Memorial Day with a degree of reverence and solace. I thank all of the men and women who have served, and are currently serving, in the armed forces---without you our world would not be the same.

Memorial Day also marks the start of the summer recreation and travel season. As you make your way to and from holiday barbecues, pools, parks, and beaches, I ask that you do so safely. Please always stay alert while driving, wear your seatbelts, and never drive while drinking, or under the influence. Be vigilant and discourage reckless behavior by those around you during the holiday weekend and throughout the summer.

Here are some other tips I pulled up that will help you have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend:

- Barbecue Food Safety - U.S. Department of Agriculture  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/barbecue-and-food-safety/ct\\_index#.UcNncPZgb04](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/barbecue-and-food-safety/ct_index#.UcNncPZgb04)
- Boating Safety - U.S. Coast Guard <http://www.uscgboating.org/>
- Swimming Safety - National Institutes of Health  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/watersafetyrecreational.html>
- Travel Safety - Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-Offers-Memorial-Day-Weekend-Travel-Safety-Tips>
- Home Security Basics (Protection1.com) <http://www.protection1.com/home-security-systems/learn/home-security-basics/safety-tips/memorial-day-safety/>