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## AAMVA News

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## Region I

### **New Jersey Assembly Advances Bill Requiring Drunken Drivers to Use Breath-Test Devices on Vehicles**

A state Assembly panel today advanced legislation that would require anyone convicted of drunken driving to install a device that would prevent their cars from starting if they have alcohol on their breath. The measure (A3835), approved 7-0 by the Assembly Judiciary Committee, would overhaul the state's driving-while-intoxicated laws by mandating an ignition-locking device — similar to a Breathalyzer — for all first-time offenders. Read the full story at NJ.com.

[http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/nj\\_assembly\\_advances\\_bill\\_requiring\\_drunk\\_drivers\\_to\\_install\\_breath-testing\\_device\\_on\\_car.html](http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/nj_assembly_advances_bill_requiring_drunk_drivers_to_install_breath-testing_device_on_car.html)

## Region II

### **NC DMV Launches New Campaign for Teen Drivers**

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles announced Tuesday the launch of an innovative new program sponsored by Ford Motor Company designed to prevent one of the major causes of death and injury for teens on the road – inexperience. In 2012 alone, North Carolina teens had 40,717 crashes resulting in 71 deaths and more than 9,000 injuries, according to the North Carolina DMV Traffic Records Branch. Read the full story at 1050WFSC.com.

<http://1050wfsc.com/nc-dmv-launches-new-campaign-for-teen-drivers/>

### **Richmond Announces Effort for Official “RVA” License Plate (Virginia)**

If an RVA bumper sticker isn't enough, Richmonders could soon be able to spruce up their cars with another symbol of civic pride: an official RVA license plate. The city and Venture Richmond announced the design Thursday, saying they must pre-sell more than 350 of the license plates before the design can be submitted to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story in the Times Dispatch.

[http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/richmond-announces-effort-for-official-rva-license-plate/article\\_6122a3fe-9908-5c74-ac12-3d19c170130e.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/richmond-announces-effort-for-official-rva-license-plate/article_6122a3fe-9908-5c74-ac12-3d19c170130e.html)

## Region III

### **Indian RFP: Centralized Production and Direct Distribution of License Plates and Registration Documents**

Indiana BMV is seeking a vendor that can satisfy the state's need for on-demand production and distribution of license plates and registration documents. Proposals are due February 19, 2014. All RFP documentation is available at <http://www.in.gov/idoa/proc/bids/rfp-14-058/>.

### **House-Approved Bill to Create Disabled Veterans License Plate to Head to Ohio Senate**

A bill that would create a license plate for disabled veterans will be sent to the Ohio Senate for consideration. Ohio's House of Representatives passed the bill unanimously this past week. Bill sponsor Rep. Wes Retherford says the license plate will make people aware of the Disabled American Veterans organization and encourage individuals to volunteer. Read the full story in the Toledo Blade.

<http://www.toledoblade.com/State/2013/12/14/House-approved-bill-to-create-disabled-veterans-license-plate-to-head-to-Ohio-Senate.html>

### **Appeals Court Rules Breathalyzer Unreliable (Ohio)**

Kenneth Bailey, an attorney with the Bailey Legal Group, was representing Juan Jimenez for a 2012 operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol offense on the Ohio Turnpike. Troopers pulled Jimenez over on Oct. 5, 2012, for a marked lanes violation. After Jimenez failed field sobriety tests, he submitted to both portable and BAC Datamaster breath tests. The legal alcohol limit in Ohio is 0.08 percent. According to the Datamaster test, Jimenez's blood-alcohol content registered at 0.154 percent, so he was charged with an OVI. When Jimenez and Bailey appeared before Lux at a suppression hearing, they argued the results of the test should be thrown out.

Procedurally speaking, Datamaster machines must be calibrated once every seven days, and are only taken out of commission when they produce two faulty readings in a row, Bailey said. Read the full story in the Sandusky Register.

<http://www.sanduskyregister.com/article/5079956>

### **Tesla Retail Model Faces New Legal Challenge in Ohio**

Ohio new-car dealers aren't giving up in their fight with Tesla Motors Inc. After a dealership licensing amendment to block Tesla from selling vehicles in the state wasn't taken up by state legislators earlier this month, dealers are now suing several parties to have Tesla's retail license nullified, the Columbus Dispatch reported today. Read the full story in Automotive News.

<http://www.autonews.com/article/20131219/RETAIL07/131219827/tesla-retail-model-faces-new-legal-challenge-in-ohio>

## Region IV

### License Plates Net \$53K for Children's Nonprofits (Montana)

Three Montana nonprofits received \$53,000 in grants Thursday from Attorney General Tim Fox thanks to funding from the Chrome for Kids Wish Fund through the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Montana Hope Project, Camp Mak-A-Dream and Make-A-Wish Montana received grants through the program. The Chrome for Kids Wish Fund benefits Montana-based nonprofit organizations that grant wishes to children who are chronically or critically ill. License plates benefitting the program became available for motorcyclists to purchase for \$35 in 2008. Twenty dollars of that is then donated to the fund. Read the full story in the Missoulian.

[http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/montana-license-plates-net-k-for-children-s-nonprofits/article\\_6ddd0a1e-6920-11e3-8450-001a4bcf887a.html](http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/montana-license-plates-net-k-for-children-s-nonprofits/article_6ddd0a1e-6920-11e3-8450-001a4bcf887a.html)

### Las Vegas Woman Accused of Forging DMV Documents for Profit (Nevada)

A Las Vegas woman has been indicted by a grand jury on 19 counts of fraud, including charges of possessing a financial forgery laboratory. Ana Ojeda, 44, owns DMV Servicio Express. She's accused of using counterfeit notary stamps, DMV validation stamps and DMV forms to generate false documents. Those include phony car title documents. Read the full story at Fox5Vegas.com.

<http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/24256738/las-vegas-woman-accused-of-forging-dmv-documents-for-profit>

## Other News

### States Committed to Detecting and Arresting Drunk Drivers During the Dangerous Holiday Driving Season

The arrival of the holiday season marks the start of one of the most dangerous time periods on U.S. roadways. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, as many as 900 people could lose their lives in drunk driving crashes nationwide. To combat this problem, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and its members, which include all 50 state highway safety offices, are joining with federal and state law enforcement officials to kick off the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization. The annual campaign combines high visibility enforcement with paid advertising and grassroots outreach to detect and deter drunk driving. It began December 13 and runs through January 1. Read the NHTSA press release. <http://www.ghsa.org/html/issues/impaireddriving/holiday13.html>

### U.S. Department of Transportation Announces 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Holiday Crackdown

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator David Strickland today kicked off the annual "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" winter holiday crackdown on drunk and drugged driving, along with representatives from local law enforcement, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). To further deter drunk

driving, NHTSA today released a “Model Guideline for State Ignition Interlock Programs” that will help states develop and implement a breath alcohol ignition interlock program based on highly successful practices from the U.S. and around the world. Read the NHTSA press release.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Press+Releases/U.S.+Department+of+Transportation+Announces+'Drive+Sober+or+Get+Pulled+Over'+Holiday+Crackdown>

### **DMV.us.org Adding Federal Database Records to Their Public Document Reports to Help Customers Avoid Rip Offs**

DMV.us.org is adding information from federal driving databases to their public document reports in order to increase accuracy and save people from ripoff opportunities, the company announced yesterday. This is a way of making sure that companies don't get ripped off thinking they are hiring a safe driver when, in reality, they are hiring someone who is dangerous behind the wheel, a DMV.us.org spokesman said. There are ways that people can act as ripoff artists by pretending to have a valid license when they do not. The federal database can help stop that. Read the full story at WRIC.com.

<http://www.wric.com/story/24270040/dmvusorg-adding-federal-database-records-to-their-public-document-reports-to-help-customers-avoid-rip-offs>

## **Did You Know**

Tomorrow (December 21st) is the first day of winter--otherwise known as the Winter Solstice. It is also the shortest day of the year in the United States. In fact, the U.S. will receive a 9 hours and 32 minutes of daylight on the Winter Solstice.

### **Learn more about the Winter Solstice:**

- <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/12/the-winter-solstice-facts-about-the-shortest-day-of-the-year/>
- <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/12/091218-winter-solstice-date-2010-solstices-first-day-winter/>
- <http://www.factmonster.com/spot/winter-solstice-for-kids.html>
- <http://www.cnn.com/2013/06/03/world/solstice-fast-facts/>