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## Senator Klobuchar Introduces Legislation Modifying Distracted Driver Grants

Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) recently introduced S. 2563 – legislation that would require that a State have distracted driving as a part of its driver's license examination in order to qualify for a distracted driving grant award. It reconstructs current code to incentivize states to comply with the requirements of the Act by providing that States that ~~do~~ comply with the details of the Act may use up to 15 percent of the distracted driving grant awards for any eligible projects under section 402 in FY 2015, and subsequently up to 25 percent of the amounts for any eligible projects under section 402 in 2016.

Up to fifty percent of the grant awards in 2015 will be directed to states that:

- Have a basic text messaging statute that is applicable to drivers of all ages, and makes a violation of the basic text messaging statute a primary offense
- Participate in the annual distracted driving law enforcement mobilization coordinated by the Secretary

Up to fifty percent of the grant awards in 2016 will be directed to states that:

- Have a basic text messaging statute that is applicable to drivers of all ages, and makes a violation of the basic text messaging statute a primary offense
- Participate in the annual distracted driving law enforcement mobilization coordinated by the Secretary
- Impose increased fines for repeat violations, and
- Have a statute that prohibits a driver who is younger than 18 years of age from using a personal wireless communications device while driving.

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The largest difficulty facing many AAMVA members will be coordinating legislative efforts to get these changes made *in statute* in enough time to qualify for the grant awards and realize the additional funding for safety projects.

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AAMVA has provided a summary of this legislation, along with other legislation of importance to the AAMVA membership through the [Government Affairs](#) section of the AAMVA Web site. If you have questions or comments regarding the legislation please contact AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs at [ccashin@aamva.org](mailto:ccashin@aamva.org).

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