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The 2014 Region II Conference got off to a great start this morning in Biloxi, Mississippi with the Opening General Session. Attendees can look forward to three days worth of sessions highlighting the successes and challenges of their AAMVA colleagues, share ideas, build relationships, and discover many products and services provided by our industry partners in the exhibit hall. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the motor vehicle and law enforcement arena. For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-II-Landing-Page/>.

## AAMVA and NHTSA Host DLA Forum

AAMVA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) held a DLA Forum June 17 – 18 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, VA. 43 jurisdictional attendees from 29 jurisdictions were able to attend the Forum. The Forum reintroduced the attendees to the Driver License Compact (DLC), Non Resident Violators Compact (NRVC) and the Driver License Agreement (DLA). It also compared the current Compacts to the DLA, provided information on the adoption and implementation requirements of the DLA and provided an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions on the existing Compacts and the DLA. For additional information please contact Kevin Lewis, AAMVA's Director of Driver Programs at 703-908-2823 or via email at [kLewis@aamva.org](mailto:kLewis@aamva.org).

## Register for Region I Conference



There's still time to register for the Region I Conference, July 27-30th in Toronto, Ontario. Register by this **Friday, June 27th**, to take advantage of the early-bird registration rate. The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's regional conference provides many valuable interactive and learning opportunities – both with jurisdiction and industry representatives. Visit the [Region I Landing Page](#) for more information and to register.

## Region IV Downloads Now Available



Presentations from the Region IV Conference are now available for download. Visit the [Region IV Downloads Page](#) to catch up on presentations from our time in Vancouver - revisit a presentation that piqued your interest or take a look at content that you may have missed. Visit the [Region IV Downloads Page](#) today!

## Register for the 2014 Annual International Conference



Online registration for AAMVA's premier event – the [2014 Annual International Conference \(AIC\)](#) is open. Register by **July 17th** to take advantage of AAMVA's early bird registration rate - get registered today and take part in this year's exciting conference at the splendid [Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware](#), August 25-27th.

### Session Spotlight - Five Star Customer Service: Servicing Customers in the 21st

#### Century

Every person who owns a car or has a driver's license comes in contact with their local DMV office, often several times over the course of many years. DMVs have adopted a multitude of customer service practices and technologies to improve the interaction of customers with the agency. From online and mobile services to self-service kiosks and queuing systems – new and faster ways to provide service have substantially improved the DMV experience. Social media has gained widespread use as a way to communicate to and from customers. Don't miss this session and learn what's next for DMVs. How do you reach customers that don't reach out to you? Learn about innovative programs designed to engage demographics like teens, mature drivers, and others. This session will inspire you to think about how you can leverage various tools to bridge the gap between good and five-star customer service. Don't miss out on this and all the other great sessions we have planned! Visit [www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/](http://www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/) for more information and to register.

## Electronic Odometer Disclosure Task Force DRAFT Report

All chief administrators and primary vehicle contacts, as well as stakeholders identified by the Task Force and those who requested to receive the report, should have received a copy of the draft Electronic Odometer Disclosure Task Force Report on Thursday, June 19, 2014. The Task Force is looking forward to receiving feedback on the draft report before it is finalized. If you did not receive the report please contact Casey Garber at [cgarber@amva.org](mailto:cgarber@amva.org).

A webinar will be hosted on July 16, 2014 to go through the report and provide an opportunity to ask questions prior to submitting feedback. Upon

conclusion of the webinar, a link will be provided to submit feedback by August 5, 2014.

### **Omnibus Territories Act of 2013**

AAMVA informs its membership that on June 18th, the U.S. Senate passed the Omnibus Territories Act of 2013. Amongst other things, this Act would remove "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" from the definition of a "State" with respect to Real ID. More importantly, the Act amended the valid documentary evidence of lawful status in Real ID to include a citizen of "the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau who has been admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of Federated States." This is outlined in Section 12 of S. 1237. This legislation still needs approval from the House and Presidential approval. Questions regarding this, or any other legislation can be directed to AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin at [ccashin@aamva.org](mailto:ccashin@aamva.org).

### **AAMVA Would Like to Know if Jurisdictions Include Distracted Driving in Testing and Training Materials**

A Senate office has requested information on how jurisdictions are able to include distracted driving as a part of their licensing practice. AAMVA is trying to provide a comprehensive list of what jurisdictions are doing in this regard, your input is greatly appreciated. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after the survey.

- [Distracted Driving as Part of DL Testing/Materials](#) (Ends 06/27/2014)  
Response received from AB, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MB, MD, ME, MN, MO, NE, NJ, NT, OK, OR, RI, SC, VA, VT, WI.

AAMVA appreciates your input. If you need a Web password, contact Janice Dluzynski at [jduluzynski@aamva.org](mailto:jduluzynski@aamva.org)

### **Share Information With Other Jurisdictions**

Please respond to these surveys from South Carolina, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and Vermont. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [CDL Examiner National Criminal Background Checks](#) (Ends 07/18/2014) Responses received from AB, MN, NE, WI.
- [Email Renewals](#) (Ends 07/18/2014) Responses received from BC, CO, FL, IN, LA, NH, OR, PA, SC, TX.
- [Moped Safety Inspection](#) (Ends 07/07/2014) Responses received from FL, IL, LA, MN, ND, NV, OK, OR, SC, UT, VA, WA, WY.
- [Office Queuing System](#) (Ends 07/09/2014) Responses received from AB, BC, CA, CO, CT, IA, IN, MN, ND, NE, NH, NV, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, WA.

- [Cash Deposits](#) (Ends 06/30/2014) Responses received from AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MO, NJ, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, WI.

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site at <http://www.aamva.org/Survey/User/SurveyDefault.aspx>.

### Federal Judge 'De-fangs' Utah's Immigration Law

A federal judge on Wednesday struck down much of a hard-fought "show me your papers" Utah immigration law and put enough restrictions on remaining portions of the law that opponents proclaimed it has been "de-fanged." The ruling "very much takes the teeth out of HB497," passed in 2011, said Karen Tumlin, attorney for the National Immigration Law Center, which challenged the law with other immigrant and civil liberties groups and the U.S. Department of Justice. The law — passed amid huge protests and hot debate — required police to verify the immigration status of anyone arrested for a serious crime. It also allowed, but did not require, police to check on people stopped for less serious crimes such as traffic violations. For the full story, visit the [Salt Lake Tribune](#).

### Connected Vehicle Grant

The following grant opportunity is now available:

Department of Transportation  
DOT Federal Highway Administration  
Connected Vehicle - Next Stage Certification Environment  
Grant

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=258008>

### Transportation Spending Halted

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid pulled a \$126.2 billion spending package (HR 4660) that included the Transportation-HUD appropriations language for FY 2015. The difficulty began with consideration of the Energy and Water appropriations measure, where the Senate Appropriations Chair pulled the bill from the Committee markup schedule anticipating partisan amendments that would ultimately evoke a Presidential veto. This cycle of disapproval and distrust spilled into the debate over all appropriations measures, seriously jeopardizing Congressional ability to move spending bills at all this year. Prior to the debate, Congressional leaders were optimistic that they could pass a "regular" series of spending measures for the year. Those hopes are fading fast. With the Highway Trust Fund expected to reach insolvency by the end of July, and Congressional recess scheduled for the first half of July, time is running out for leaders to find a consensual path forward in rectifying the instability surrounding transportation spending.