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AAMVA News

AAMVA Working Group Announces Release of 2nd Edition of NMVTIS Best Practices



The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group is pleased to announce the release of the 2nd edition of the NMVTIS Best Practices for Title and Registration Program Managers in DMVs. The document has been reorganized and several new best practices have been added.

- [Download the Document](#)

2015 Workshop & Law Institute Online Registration is Now Open



Registration is now open for AAMVA's 2015 Workshop & Law Institute, in Fort Worth, Texas, March 18-19. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to network with colleagues from other member jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you may need. Visit the [Workshop & Law Institute Web site](#) for more details.

<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Workshop-and-Law-Institute-Home/>

Region I

Pennsylvania Bill Would Require Truckers to Clear Tractor-Trailers of Snow and Ice

State Sen. Lisa Boscola reintroduced legislation Thursday that would require truckers in Pennsylvania to remove snow and ice from tractor-trailers before driving. Read the full story at [LehighValleyLive.com](#).

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/breaking-news/index.ssf/2015/01/pennsylvania_bill_would_require.html#incart_river

Driver's Licenses a Magnet for Immigration Fraud in Vermont

As California battles a flood of immigrants seeking driver's licenses after enactment of Assembly Bill 60, Vermont's Department of Motor Vehicles has found issuing driver's privileges to illegals can be a magnet for benefits fraud. Read the full story at Watchdog.org.

<http://watchdog.org/194449/vermont-immigration-fraud/>

Region II

Kentucky 2014 Highway Fatality Figures Released

Highway fatalities in Kentucky increased in 2014 after a record low in 2013. Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) preliminary figures from a Jan. 16 report indicate 667 people lost their lives on Kentucky roadways last year, up from 638 in 2013. However, it was the second lowest total since 1949, when 573 fatalities were recorded. Read the full article in LEX18.com.

<http://www.lex18.com/story/27916592/kentucky-2014-highway-fatality-figures-released>

State's Photo-ID Law for Voters Questioned (Tennessee)

Voting-rights advocates questioned and pushed for reforms in Tennessee's photo-ID voting law during a lecture at Middle Tennessee State University Thursday. Read the full article in the Daily News Journal.

<http://www.dnj.com/story/news/politics/2015/01/22/states-photo-law-voters-questioned/22197177/>

Texas Takes Aim at Overweight Trucks

Stepping on the scale. Checking your weight. For many people, if you can avoid it – you do. In Texas, it is easy for semitrucks to do the same – bypassing weigh stations along our highways. Most of them are closed a majority of the time because the Department of Public Safety cannot afford to man them. Read the full story at KXAN.com.

<http://kxan.com/2015/01/15/texas-takes-aim-at-overweight-trucks/>

Virginia Bill would Change Speed for Reckless Driving Charges

Under current law, drivers can be charged with the criminal offense of reckless driving if they're caught speeding above 80 mph in the Commonwealth. A bill that would raise that threshold to more than 85 mph has passed Virginia's House Transportation Subcommittee. Read the full story at WTOP.com.

<http://wtop.com/virginia/2015/01/virginia-bill-change-speed-reckless-driving-charges/>

Smartphone Ride Service Legislation Picks Up Speed in Virginia Senate

Legislation to permanently allow smartphone-based ride services in Virginia is poised for approval this year. Drivers for Lyft and Uber, services popular in Hampton Roads, visited Richmond on Monday for a Senate transportation subcommittee hearing on regulations to allow their businesses to operate permanently. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

<http://www.govtech.com/applications/Smartphone-Ride-Service-Legislation-Picks-Up-Speed-in-Va-Senate.html>

Region III

Missouri Senator Seeks Ban of Red-Light Cameras, Plate Scanners

A state senator from northwest Missouri is seeking a ban on red-light cameras and high-speed license plate scanners that he says are meant to make money, not keep residents safe. Read the full story on Fox2Now.com.

<http://fox2now.com/2015/01/20/mo-senator-seeks-ban-of-red-light-cameras-plate-scanners/>

With Legislative Bill Proposed by Sen. Mello, Ride-sharing Debate Moves Into New Lane (Nebraska)

State Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha hopes to legalize ride-sharing services such as Lyft and Uber while also protecting consumers and drivers. Read the full article in Omaha.com.

http://www.omaha.com/money/with-legislative-bill-proposed-by-sen-mello-ride-sharing-debate/article_3f41677c-483e-51a3-8775-2bdc5df69b67.html

Coalition Seeks Driver's Licenses for Nebraska 'Dreamers'

Ranchers and immigrant-rights groups are in the rare position of working together to try to change Nebraska's status as the only state that denies driver's licenses to young people protected from deportation because they were illegally brought to the United States as children. The groups gave their support Wednesday to a new bill that would allow licenses for youths who qualify under the Obama administration program, saying the current policy hurts Nebraska's economy by making it harder for the immigrants to find jobs in industries that need them. Read the full story at ABCNews.go.com.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/coalition-seeks-drivers-licenses-nebraska-dreamers-28381962>

Region IV

U.S. Judge Says 'Dreamers' Can Keep Driver's Licenses (Arizona)

A federal judge has decided to make permanent an injunction overturning Arizona's ban on issuing driver's licenses to young immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children and spared from deportation by President Obama in 2012. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/23/us/politics/us-judge-says-dreamers-can-keep-drivers-licenses.html?_r=0

Indigenous Ask the DMV Exams in Their Languages (California)

Leaders of the Mixtec community of Oxnard in Ventura County asked the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that put them driving tests in their native languages so they can get a license under the law AB60. Read the full story [Translate.Google.com](http://translate.google.com).

<http://translate.google.com/translate?js=n&prev=t&ie=UTF-8&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.laopinion.com%2Fnoticias-california-indigenas-piden-examen-dmv-idioma>

California DMV Says Uber, Lyft Cars Must Have Commercial Plates

All people driving personal vehicles for Uber Technologies, Lyft, Sidecar and the like must have commercial license plates, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, which has issued an advisory citing a nearly 80-year-old section of state law. Read the full story at [BizJournals.com](http://bizjournals.com).

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/2015/01/california-dmv-uber-lyft-commercial-license-plate.html>

Colorado GOP Cuts Funding for Immigrant Driver's Licenses

A Colorado law that allows immigrants in the country illegally to get driver's licenses was heralded as historic for its bipartisan support and an ingenious way to make driving safer because it required mandatory driving tests and insurance. Read the full story at [Governing.com](http://governing.com).

<http://www.governing.com/topics/politics/tns-colorado-immigrant-license-funding.html>

Nuclear Facility No Longer Accepting Idaho Driver's Licenses (Idaho)

The Idaho National Laboratory is no longer accepting Idaho driver's licenses for identification because they don't meet federal security requirements. INL spokeswoman Misty Benjamin tells KIFI-TV that those doing business with or visiting the eastern Idaho nuclear facility will have to bring a U.S. passport or one of about five other accepted identifiers. Read the full story at [KTVP.com](http://ktvp.com).

<http://www.ktvb.com/story/news/local/2015/01/19/inl-licenses-security/21993647/>

Martinez Makes Another Run at Driver's License Law (New Mexico)

Republican Gov. Susana Martinez says she wants the Legislature to repeal a law that allows the state to issue driver's licenses to immigrants who are in the country illegally. Read the full story at [WashingtonTimes.com](http://washingtontimes.com).

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jan/21/martinez-makes-another-run-at-drivers-license-law/>

Two-tier System for Driver's License, Identification Cards Still in Works (Washington)

A plan to bring Washington state into compliance with tougher federal requirements for proof of U.S. residency for driver's licenses and other government-sanctioned ID has not been immediately embraced by lawmakers. Read the full story at [SeattleTimes.com](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025523328_idcardsxml.html).

http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025523328_idcardsxml.html

Bill Would Make 4th-Offense DUI a Felony (Washington)

Washington state lawmakers are revisiting an idea to make a driver's fourth drunken-driving conviction within 10 years a felony. Under current Washington law, a felony DUI charge applies only if a driver already has been convicted of DUI four times in the previous decade. Read the full story at [KomoNews.com](http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Bill-would-make-4th-offense-DUI-a-felony-in-Wash-state-289354051.html).

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Bill-would-make-4th-offense-DUI-a-felony-in-Wash-state-289354051.html>

Other News

What's Next for NHTSA and Automotive Safety?

This past year, we witnessed the GM Ignition Switch investigation, which involved massive recalls, multiple Congressional hearings, and civil penalties; the ongoing Takata airbag inflator investigation and recalls (and more Congressional hearings); multiple legislative proposals seeking to increase the civil penalty ceiling and expand NHTSA's enforcement authority; and an unprecedented number of other recalls, civil penalties, and investigations. In the midst of this active enforcement environment, the agency also continued its busy rulemaking docket, including major actions related to V2V communications, distracted driving, and other initiatives. Read the full article in *JD Supra Business Advisor*.

<http://www.idsupra.com/legalnews/whats-next-for-nhtsa-and-automotive-saf-28125/>

Polaris Issues "Stop Sale and Stop Ride" for Slingshot

Following is a research note provided to Powersports Business from RBC Capital Markets analyst Joe Spak. "In another hiccup for Polaris's Slingshot product (3-wheel reverse trike motorcycle), we have learned the company issued a notice to dealers calling for an immediate 'stop sale and stop ride' for all models. Read the full story at [PowerSportsBusiness.com](http://www.powersportsbusiness.com/top-stories/2015/01/19/polaris-issues-stop-sale-and-stop-ride-for-slingshot/).

<http://www.powersportsbusiness.com/top-stories/2015/01/19/polaris-issues-stop-sale-and-stop-ride-for-slingshot/>

AAA Invests \$12 Million in Study of Older Drivers' Needs

Researchers will soon be tracking 3,000 senior drivers as part of an unprecedented project to better understand the safety and transportation needs of aging Americans. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety is directing \$12 million to Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health so researchers

there can study driving behavior and health factors affecting older drivers for the next five years. Read the full story at Reuters.com.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/20/us-older-drivers-study-idUSKBNOKT2FE20150120>

New Report: Expand Licensing Requirements to Further Reduce Teen Driver Crashes

Today the National Safety Council (NSC) and the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) released a report on Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL), A New GDL Framework: Evidence Base to Integrate Novice Driver Strategies. The report's strategies for reducing teen driver car crashes are developed from evidence-based initiatives. The report also includes strategies based on expert opinion and identifies areas where more research is needed. Read the full story at PRNewswire.com.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-report-expand-licensing-requirements-to-further-reduce-teen-driver-crashes-300022933.html>

Autonomous Cars Could Save Canadians \$65B a Year

In a near future where a fleet of driverless taxis could be at your beck and call, what public transit will we need? If your car can drop you off and then go home, do we need parking spaces downtown? And what will happen to all the tow-truck drivers and couriers? These are things Canadians and their governments should be thinking about, says a new report from an independent think-tank focused on economic trends. Read the full story at HuffingtonPost.ca.

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/01/21/driverless-cars-canada_n_6519478.html

Did You Know

SUPER BOWL XLIX

In case you didn't know, Super Bowl XLIX between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks is on Sunday, February 1st. Here are some fun facts about the Big Game to chew on:

- The last five Super Bowls have been the five most watched telecasts in U.S. television history, prior to that the most watched telecast was the M*A*S*H finale in February 1983 with 106 million viewers. (Nielsen)
- Despite all the tuning sources now available, the audience for the Super Bowl has increased 22.4 million viewers over the past ten years 2004-2014. (Nielsen)
- Females accounted for 46.8% of the Super Bowl audience last year. The average audience for females was a record high 52.6 million. By comparison, The Oscars last year had 43.7 million TOTAL viewers. This was the fourth straight year the Super Bowl had averaged over 50 million female viewers. During the regular NFL season about one-third of the viewing audience is female. (Nielsen)

- A :30 ad in the 2015 Super Bowl cost \$4.5 million, the most expensive ad in history and a 12.5% increase from last year's game. On average, Super Bowl ad rates have grown 10.8% annually. (Kantar Media)
- The number of advertising time has increased from 40 minutes and 15 seconds in 2005 to 49 minutes and 15 minutes in 2014. The 2013 Super Bowl had 51 minutes and 40 seconds of ad time the highest to date. (Kantar Media)The median age of The Super Bowl viewer in 2014 was 43.7, a slight increase from the previous year 43.5. (Nielsen)
- If winning the Super Bowl was not enough motivation, players on the winning team get paid \$97,000.
- Super Bowl players on the losing team taking home \$49,000.

Learn more online:

- Fun Facts About the Super Bowl (Forbes)
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/bradadgate/2015/01/30/fun-facts-about-the-super-bowl/>
- Super Bowl XLIX: Facts and Figures Ahead of the Big Game (ABC News)
<http://abcnews.go.com/Sports/super-bowl-xlix-facts-figures-ahead-big-game/story?id=28482995>
- 8 Interesting Facts to Know About Super Bowl 2015 (International Business Times)
<http://www.ibtimes.com/8-interesting-facts-know-about-super-bowl-2015-1796424>