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Region II Conference Wraps Up



The [2015 Region II Conference](#) was a great success last week. Region II President, Brenda R. Coone joined Chair of the AAMVA Board, Mark Lowe and AAMVA President & CEO, Anne Ferro, in welcoming attendees to Montgomery, Alabama for several days of informative sessions and networking opportunities. Lt. Colonel Jack A. Miniard of the Kentucky State Police was elected as the new Region II President, and he invited all in attendance to join in him in Louisville for the 2016 Region II Conference. Make sure to stop by the AAMVA website - presentations from the 2015 Region II Conference will be posted throughout the week.

Veterans Obtain CDL Jobs in Record Numbers Through Military Skills Test Waiver Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration have reported more than 100,000 veterans and active duty personnel have taken advantage of the Military Skills Test Waiver Program. The program, conducted in close cooperation with the Department of Defense and AAMVA, grants state licensing agencies the authority to waive the skills test portion of the CDL application for active duty or recently separated veterans who possess at least two years of safe driving experience operating



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a military truck or bus. [Learn more about the program and its success in the DOT press release.](#)

Supreme Court Rules on Specialty License Plate Design

The Supreme Court has [ruled](#) in a 5-4 decision that a Texas specialty license plate design constitutes government speech, and thus Texas was entitled to refuse to issue plates featuring the Sons of Confederate Veterans proposed license plate design. That design drew controversy for its inclusion of the Confederate battle flag. Please refer to the [full AAMVA Legislative & Regulatory Alert](#) for complete details.

CDL Final Permit Compliance Rules: Member Resources Available



The federally mandated Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards requires compliance by U.S. jurisdictions by July 8, 2015. In order to assist members in implementing the requirements laid out in the final rule, AAMVA has pulled together a series of tools and resources and is making them available online at

<http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Permit-Final-Rule/>.

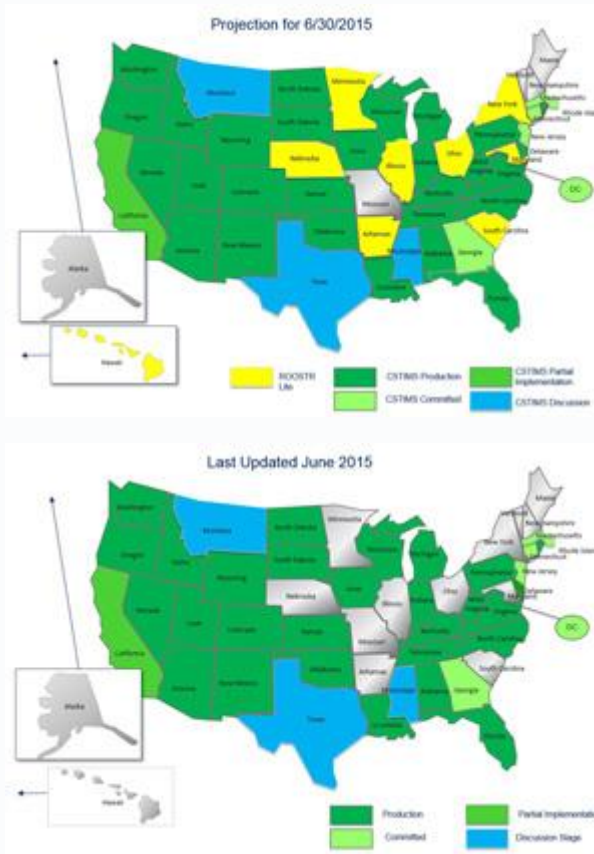
AAMVA Alert – Update to S2S Migration Plan and CDLIS Blackout

To minimize the operational impact on jurisdictions, AAMVA has updated the previously announced State-to-State (S2S) migration plan and the associated CDLIS Blackout period. The revised migration plan is:

1. Thursday, July 2nd 9:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be down. Messages to the CDLIS Central Site will be rejected after this time. State-to-state messages (messages not going to the CDLIS Central Site) will be functional.
2. Thursday, July 2nd 10:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be brought back up in an INQUIRY-ONLY mode. This will allow CDLIS users to send and receive responses to all inquiry transactions to the Central Site (CD01/02/05/06/18).
3. Friday, July 3rd 8:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be down. Messages to the CDLIS Central Site will be rejected after this time.
4. Friday, July 3rd 9:00 PM ET – 10:00 PM ET: Intermittent outage in the transmission of all NCS messages (including non-CDLIS and non S2S messages such as PDPS, NMVTIS, SSOLV, etc.).
5. Saturday, July 4th (time TBD): CDLIS will be brought back up in an INQUIRY-ONLY mode as soon as possible.
6. **Monday, July 6th by 6:00 AM ET: Full operations restored.**

All other systems (PDPS, NMVTIS, SSOLV, etc.) will be up and running during their usual available hours with the exception of the brief 60 minute outage on July 3rd (mentioned in #4). [Please refer to the full AAMVA Alert for complete details.](#)

CSTIMS Participation Continues to Grow



Participation in the Commercial Skills Test Management Systems (CSTIMS) has continued to grow, with 33 states total projected to be in production in 2015, up from 13 in 2013. In addition, 9 jurisdictions are using the ROOSTR lite application <http://www.aamva.org/ROOSTR-Lite/>. CSTIMS' cumulative number of tests scheduled has also grown, reaching the 1 million mark just last month. If you would like more information on CSTIMS, visit <http://www.aamva.org/CSTIMS/>

Register Now for the 2015 Annual International Conference



Online registration for AAMVA's premier event – the [2015 Annual International Conference \(AIC\)](#), August 25-27 – is now open. Join Chair of the Board Mark Lowe in Des Moines, Iowa, and experience a unique networking and educational event. **The early-bird registration rate ends on July 18th.** Take advantage of this opportunity to save money and register for this year's conference before July 18th. [View the preliminary program and more session topics here.](#) [Register now online](#), and watch the [2015 AIC Promo Video](#) to get a taste of

what you can expect in Des Moines!

2015 Regional I Conference



The Region I conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania, July 12-15. [Visit the site](#) or contact Patrice Aasmo at paasmo@aamva.org or 571-435-2861 if you

need additional information.

Upcoming Webinars



NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements

Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

In addition to the Title, Brand, Theft and Junk, Salvage and Insurance information currently returned by the SWI, the application will now display State Vehicle Data from the State-of-Title (SOT) titling system. Users of the SWI will learn how to interpret the 40+ data elements that are returned from the SOT and under which conditions State Vehicle Data is provided. They will also learn about screen navigation and how State Vehicle Data is displayed. Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only. If you are a member and wish to register for this webinar, please login to the site, and go to the [Members Only webinars page here.](#)

NMVTIS: A New Direction

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

As NMVTIS gets closer to 100% participation, there is a need to look at ways and methods to improve the system as a tool as part of your state's

title system. Join us as we discuss concepts to map a new direction for NMVTIS to help improve vehicle safety and reduce fraud in your jurisdiction. This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal government members only. If you are a member and wish to register for this webinar, please login to the site, and go to the [Members Only webinars page here](#).

Volunteers Needed for New AAMVA Working Group

AAMVA is working with FMCSA to create a [State-Federal National CDL Working Group](#). The group will be a mixture of State and FMCSA personnel formed to enhance and improve the partnership and communications among the SDLAs and FMCSA, focusing on opportunities where the SDLAs and FMCSA can work together to improve CDL policies and processes. AAMVA is looking for jurisdictional representation from US jurisdictions to serve on the Working Group. [Find more details here](#).

Share Information with Other Jurisdictions

Please respond to these surveys from New Jersey, Ontario, Iowa, and Indiana. The jurisdictions that have already responded are listed after each survey.

- [Partnering with AAA to process DL and Registration](#) (Ends 07/01/2015) Responses received from AR, KS, KY, MN, VA.
- [Premature delamination of licence plates](#) (Ends 07/07/2015) Responses received from AL, AR, DE, FL, MS, NH, OK, UT, VA, WY.
- [Fining/Suspending Motor Vehicle Dealers](#) (Ends 07/16/2015) Responses received from DE, MS, NH, VA, WA, WI.
- [Safety campaign for unlicensed motorcyclists](#) (Ends 07/20/2015) Responses received from AB, BC, CT, DC, FL, IL, KS, MD, NH, RI, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.
- [Providing Watercraft Data](#) (Ends 07/06/2015) Responses received from CA, DC, IA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MB, MI, MN, MO, NC, ND, NE, NH, OR, RI, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY.

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 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>.

New Wisconsin DOT Website

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has a new website designed to make it easier for our customers and partners to find information and conduct business online. wisconsin.gov features a new visual design and architecture. The navigation has been retooled and reorganized based on site analytics, user analysis and best practices from other websites. The content itself has been reorganized and streamlined to make site visits pleasant and more productive. Customers can now connect with DMV several ways. On the WisDOT home page, use the tabs on the main navigation bar for Online Services and DMV or click on the DMV logo in the middle of the

page. You may also use this simple URL wisconsindmv.gov. The new wisconsindot.gov site features a number of other enhancements including:

- Responsive, mobile-first design that works with any type of device
- Reorganized content and consistent global navigation to help access content quickly
- Prominent Google search tool to deliver search results from across department pages
- Targeted path to online services
- Section 508 compliant content to facilitate access and use by all individuals

WisDOT looks forward to continuing to meet the growing online needs of our customers and partners.

Georgia Driver Services Offers One Option To Satisfy New "For-Hire" Transportation Driver Guidelines

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) announced that new safety guidelines are in place affecting all for-hire drivers operating in Georgia -- including limousine chauffeurs, ride share networks/drivers and taxi drivers. House Bill 225, passed during the most recent session of the Georgia General Assembly, outlines new state mandated background requirements for these drivers. Beginning July 1st, all for-hire drivers have an option to complete the background process through DDS and obtain a for-hire driver's license endorsement or pursue a private background check through their company. Customers choosing to apply for a for-hire driver endorsement through the existing DDS process must complete and submit the application and supporting documentation via the Agency's secure website: www.dds.ga.gov. For both returning and new applicants for a for-hire driver endorsement, this web-based feature enables customers to make an application online, submit all required documents and monitor the application status. To view House Bill 225 -- created to protect riders as well as drivers regarding passenger safety and insurance coverage in the for-hire transportation industry, which includes taxis and limousines -- visit <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/225>.

FMCSA Publishes Correction Regarding State Compliance with CDL Program

On June 29th, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a [correction](#) in the Federal Register regarding state compliance with the federal commercial driver's license program. FMCSA realized that an error was made in their October 1, 2013 MAP-21 Implementation final rule, 78 FR 60226. That rule had inadvertently deleted paragraph (c) of Section 384.209 regarding the notification of traffic violations. The 2013 amendments added the requirement that States report foreign commercial drivers' convictions to FMCSA's Federal Convictions and Withdrawal Database in accordance with MAP-21 requirements. Paragraph (c) of the amendments, which was omitted, statutorily required and directed States to report the convictions within 10 days (for both foreign carrier violations and reporting of convictions to domestic driver's state of licensure.) Accordingly, the 10-day reporting requirement remains in effect and paragraph (c) should not have been removed as part of the MAP-21 implementation rule.

NHTSA Publishes Direct Final Rulemaking Procedures

On June 25th, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a [final rule](#) that establishes direct final rulemaking procedures for adopting amendments to its regulations on which the agency expects it would receive no adverse public comment. When the agency does not expect adverse public comments on draft amendments, it will issue a direct final rule adopting the amendments and stating that they will become effective in a specified number of days after the date of publication of the rule unless NHTSA receives written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments by the specified date. This final rule became effective on date of publication.

Senate Environment and Public Works Releases DRIVE Act

Senate Environment and Public Works Releases DRIVE Act – On June 23rd, the two senior leaders of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) released a six-year surface transportation [reauthorization bill](#) titled the "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act" – or DRIVE Act. The bill is sponsored by EPW Chair, Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and ranking member Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and was easily passed by voice vote out of Committee. The legislation looks to build upon the success of the comprehensive reforms and performance-based approaches to transportation investment outlined in the prior reauthorization, MAP-21. It provides six years of increased funding, providing funding certainty for state and local governments to support multi-year transportation project investments. The DRIVE Act marks the second comprehensive surface transportation reauthorization proposal brought to Congress. The missing component of these reauthorization measures remains the means for funding. As the beleaguered Highway Trust Fund continues to face solvency issues, no clear path forward for funding the proposals has surfaced with current funding expiring on July 31st. A [summary](#) of the legislation is available from the EPW Committee and AAMVA is developing an independent membership assessment of the legislation that will be provided in the [legislative analysis](#) section of the AAMVA Web site once it has been officially published.

NHTSA Issues Electronic Stability Control Safety Standards for Heavy Vehicles

On June 23rd, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a [final rule](#) that would establish a new Federal Motor vehicle Safety Standard (No. 136) to require electronic stability control (ESC) systems on truck tractors and certain buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 26,000 pounds (11,793 kgs). ESC systems in truck tractors and large buses are designed to reduce untripped rollovers and mitigate severe understeer or oversteer conditions that lead to loss of control by using automatic computer-controlled braking and reducing engine torque output. NHTSA projections included in the final rule estimate that the final rule will prevent 1,424 to 1,759 crashes, 505 to 649 injuries, and 40 to 49 fatalities.

July is Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

Vehicle theft continues to be a problem in the United States that results in more than \$4.1 billion dollars in annual losses. And July is the month where more cars are stolen than any other time of year. So NHTSA would like to remind all of our Law Enforcement partners that July is Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. We have developed materials and tools that can be downloaded from to support local efforts in combatting auto theft. These

materials can be found at www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/VehicleTheftPrevention and are available at no cost. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact the NHTSA Office of Consumer Communication and Information.