

# September 18, 2015 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### Deadline Approaches for Final CDL Permit Rule

U.S. jurisdictions must meet a September 30th deadline to submit a plan to FMCSA signifying the jurisdiction's compliance with ALL CDL requirements set forth in Section 32305 of the MAP-21 legislation (see page 388 of the MAP-21 legislation). <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr4348enr/pdf/BILLS-112hr4348enr.pdf> The plan must include assurances that the jurisdiction will take the necessary actions to comply with the requirements no later than September 30, 2015, and maintain compliance for a period beginning on the date the plan is submitted and ending on September 30, 2016. To assist members in implementing these requirements, AAMVA has provided a series of tools and resources online at [www.aamva.org/CDL-Requirements/](http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Requirements/).

### Register for the 2015 Region III Information Exchange

- 2015 Region III Information Exchange – November 3-5 – Oak Brook, Illinois  
Conference Web Site | Register Online  
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-III-Information-Exchange/> |  
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

## Region I

### What's Behind This Year's Surge in Maine Motorcycle Deaths?

Motorcycle fatalities in Maine are at a 24-year high, and some riders believe the good weather could be part of the reason. While the dry, sunny days this summer have allowed more time on the road, state statistics show that speed played a factor in over half of the crashes, and more than two-thirds of the riders who died weren't wearing helmets. Read the full story at PressHerald.com.

<http://www.pressherald.com/2015/09/17/behind-the-surge-in-maine-motorcyclist-deaths/>

### Hogan to Cut or Eliminate 100 State Fees (Maryland)

Carrying through on a campaign pledge, Gov. Larry Hogan said Tuesday that he is cutting or eliminating more than 100 state fees — including some levies to obtain professional licenses, launch a boat in a state park or search adoption records. Read the full story at BaltimoreSun.com.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bs-md-hogan-fee-cuts-20150915-story.html>

### DMV Honored for Highest Donor Designation Rate in Northeast (New Hampshire)

Many New Hampshire residents voluntarily check "yes" when asked about organ donations at the Division of Motor Vehicles — and at a rate higher than any other state in the Northeast. Read the full story at IdahoStatesman.com.

[http://www.idahostatesman.com/2015/09/17/3990385\\_dmv-honored-for-highest-donor.html?rh=1](http://www.idahostatesman.com/2015/09/17/3990385_dmv-honored-for-highest-donor.html?rh=1)

#### **Feds: Doctor Falsified Exams for Driver's License Applicants (New York)**

A doctor previously accused of selling oxycodone prescriptions from his office at New York's Kennedy Airport has been arrested on charges alleging he falsely certified examinations for commercial driver's licenses. Read the full story at KSL.com.

[http://www.ksl.com/?nid=157&sid=36533911&s\\_cid=rss-157](http://www.ksl.com/?nid=157&sid=36533911&s_cid=rss-157)

#### **Consumer Alert Issued to Car Buyers About Dangers of Online Scams (New York)**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued a consumer alert advising New Yorkers to exercise caution when making used car purchases from private sellers over the internet following an increase in the number of complaints about online used car scams received by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles investigators. Read the full story at HudsonValleyNewsNetwork.com.

<http://hudsonvalleynewsnetwork.com/2015/09/16/consumer-alert-issued-to-car-buyers-about-dangers-of-online-scams/>

#### **SAAQ Introduces New Driver's Licences (Quebec)**

In August 2015, the SAAQ began producing new official documents, including a new driver's licence. Old driver's licenses will be valid until their expiration date. View more details on the SAAQ Web site.

[http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/driver\\_licence/features.php](http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/driver_licence/features.php)

## **Region II**

#### **Joint Statement from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Florida Tax Collectors on Driver License / ID Card Issuance (Florida)**

Over the last year, with the current contract for driver license and identification card (DL/ID) issuance expiring, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (Department) and Florida Tax Collectors, have worked together to explore all available options and review emerging technologies in which these credentials can be issued to our customers. Read the DHSMV press release.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/2015/09/14/joint-statement-from-the-department-of-highway-safety-and-motor-vehicles-and-florida-tax-collectors-on-driver-license-identification-card-issuance/>

#### **Louisiana State Police to Seek Delay on New Identification Rules from U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

With a deadline looming, the Louisiana State Police will request that federal authorities allow people to continue using the state's driver's licenses as identification to enter U.S. courthouses, military bases and some other federal offices. Read the full story at TheAdvocate.com.

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13456641-100/state-to-seek-delay-on>

### **South Carolina Law Prevents Some Teens from Getting Driver's Permits**

An Anderson foster father contacted WYFF News 4 Investigates and asked us to look into why his foster son, Timothy, had his driver's permit revoked. Timothy, 15, earned his driver's permit in May. In September, he received a letter from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles telling him his permit had been revoked. Read the full story at WYFF4.com.

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/foster-parent-sc-law-is-punishing-foster-kids/35307030>

### **New Law Restricts License Plate Renewal for Child Support Violators (Texas)**

A new law in Hidalgo County intends to restrict the renewal of vehicle license plates for those behind on child support payments. The law comes after an increase of reports over unpaid child support cases in Hidalgo County. Read the full story at FoxRio2.com.

<https://www.foxrio2.com/new-law-restricts-license-plate-renewal-for-child-support-violators/>

### **In Wake Of Fatal Bus Crash, Houston Union Leader Calls For Mandatory Seat Belts (Texas)**

There continue to be a lot of questions about the tragic school bus accident that killed two high school girls. One local union leader believes mandatory seat belts could have made a difference. Read the full story at HoustonPublicMedia.org.

<http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/news/in-wake-of-fatal-bus-crash-houston-union-leader-calls-for-mandatory-seat-belts/>

## **Region III**

### **Ohio Lawmakers Seek Notre Dame University License Plate, Tougher Seat Belt Law**

Some Ohio license plates might soon get a splash of gold and blue, as a state lawmaker has proposed creating a University of Notre Dame specialty plate. Read the full story at Cleveland.com.

[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/09/ohio\\_lawmakers\\_seek\\_notre\\_dame.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/09/ohio_lawmakers_seek_notre_dame.html)

### **Changes to the Process of Establishing an Organizational License Plate (Ohio)**

Effective September 29, 2015, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will follow new guidelines for the establishment of organizational license plates. Read the DPS press release.

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

## **Wisconsin DMV Debuts New Driver License/ID Cards this Fall**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin issuing new driver licenses (DL) and identification (ID) cards this fall. These new cards will be the most secure in the United States. Read the DOT press release.

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/news-rel/556-co-dmv.aspx>

## **Region IV**

### **County, DMV to Help Inmates to Get ID Cards (California)**

A new partnership between San Diego County and Department of Motor Vehicles will help soon-to-be released inmates get government identification. Many times when people are released from a county jail they don't have an ID card in their pocket, and some of the opportunities official identification can unlock, from housing to jobs to government services, are off limits. Read the full story at SanDiegoUnionTribune.com

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/sep/13/county-dmv-to-help-inmates-to-get-id-cards/>

### **California New Motor Voter Act Passed by Legislature**

Legislation sponsored by California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to modernize California's motor voter registration system was approved by the State Legislature today. AB 1461 is jointly authored by Assemblymembers Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Luis Alejo (D-Salinas), and Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento). The proposed law is now headed to Governor Jerry Brown. Read the full story at GoldRushCam.com.

<http://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/local-news/4581-california-new-motor-voter-act-passed-by-legislature>

### **California Approves Rules On Use of License Plate Readers**

The California Legislature has approved a bill to put in place rules on the use of technology used to track drivers' movements through automated license plate readers, or ALPRs. Read the full story at LandLineMag.com.

<http://www.landlinemag.com/Story.aspx?StoryID=29795#.VfruHLeFPp4>

### **Apple Meets California Officials to Discuss Self-Driving Car**

The meeting in California, which is developing regulations for driverless vehicles, suggest the technology giant is close to unveiling an autonomous automobile. Read the full story at TheGuardian.com.

<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/sep/18/apple-meets-california-officials-self-driving-car>

### **Honda Autonomous Cars to Test Drive in California, Ford Partners Alcoa**

Last week brought several developments that will benefit the auto sector in the long run. While 10 automakers decided to make automatic emergency braking a standard feature in their vehicles in the U.S. to increase road safety, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC - Analyst Report) became the tenth company to be allowed to test drive autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. Read the full story at Zacks.com.

<http://www.zacks.com/stock/news/190507/auto-stock-roundup-honda-autonomous-cars-to-test-drive-in-california-ford-partners-alcoa>

### **Nevada Licenses Two Companies, Enters Ride-Hailing Era**

It took nearly a year to do it, but Nevada has entered the ride-hailing era. In separate actions Monday, the Nevada Transportation Authority unanimously approved licenses for Lyft and Uber as transportation network companies. Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/traffic-transportation/nevada-licenses-two-companies-enters-ride-hailing-era>

### **SGI Looks at Mandatory Training to Reduce ATV-Related Injuries, Deaths (Saskatchewan)**

Saskatchewan Government Insurance is looking at mandatory training for all-terrain vehicle drivers, but some are calling for stricter regulations to reduce ATV-related injuries and deaths. Read the full story at Regina.CTVNews.ca.

<http://regina.ctvnews.ca/sgi-looks-at-mandatory-training-to-reduce-atv-related-injuries-deaths-1.2565211>

### **SGI Responds to Uber Inquiries (Saskatchewan)**

Saskatchewan might be jumping on the Uber bandwagon. "As the administrator of the Auto Fund, we need to ensure that anybody transporting passengers for hire meets the required standards for both safety and insurance," said SGI spokesperson Kelley Brinkworth. Read the full story at CBC.ca.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/sgi-responds-to-uber-inquiries-1.3232657>

## **Other News**

### **Google Not Looking To Become A Carmaker, Says Executive**

Google confirms that it has no plans of becoming a car manufacturer. The information came following a statement from the company's managing director for Germany, Austria and Switzerland who said that Google has no intentions in joining other companies in the car industry as far as making its own fleet of cars is concerned. Read the full story at TechTimes.com.

<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/85234/20150917/google-not-looking-to-become-a-carmaker-says-executive.htm>

## Did You Know

### ON TWITTER

**@AAMVAConnection** has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that **you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter** to view the message posts, and any comments, etc. associated with the post.

#### **NHTSA @NHTSAGov | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/NHTSAGov/status/644919605585022976>

Not certain whether you're wearing your seat belt the right way, now that you're pregnant? Get answers about... <http://fb.me/7otKsreFD>

#### **MTO @OntMinTransport | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/OntMinTransport/status/644919156857507841>

Hands on the wheel – eyes on the road. Drive now – talk or text later. <http://ontario.ca/b9bt>

#### **TN GHSO @TNGHSO | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/TNGHSO/status/644918851096866816>

#ItCanWait National Pledge day is September 19th. Take the pledge to end distracted driving: <http://www.itcanwait.com/pledge>

#### **CA DMV @CA\_DMV | View the Tweet**

[https://twitter.com/CA\\_DMV/status/644917553454682112](https://twitter.com/CA_DMV/status/644917553454682112)

Happy #NationalCheeseburgerDay! If you hit the drive-thru today, remember to get there first & eat later! #justdrive

#### **Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/WisconsinDOT/status/644916826007293952>

Wisconsin DOT retweeted 511 Wisconsin

Check out how the state-wide 511WI system monitors Wisconsin roads to keep driver safe.

#### **CQ Now @CQnow | View Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/CQnow/status/644915922055110656>

.@EPA seeking recall of 482k Volkswagen & Audi diesel cars sold in US since '08 - may pursue civil penalties via @Energyreporter

#### **NOYS @NOYSnews | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/NOYSnews/status/644915562892537860>

Is your high school registered for the #SeatBeltsSaveU Challenge? <http://www.seatbeltssave.org/accept-the-challenge-register-today/> ...

**Riverside Police @PDRiverside | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/PDRiverside/status/644861240599154688>

Drop the 'A' Word: Riverside Police Chief Stands Up for #crashnotaccident

<http://droptheaword.blogspot.com/2015/09/riverside-police-chief-stands-up-for.html?m=1> ...

**mysafetextapp @PracticeSafText | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/PracticeSafText/status/644912618226847744>

@DroptheAword #PracticeSafText

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**KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/DriveSafeKansas/status/644913789138178048>

Did you know? Car seats can be recalled for safety defects, too. Be sure to register your car seat.

#TheRightSeat

**MN State Patrol @MnDPS\_MSP | View the Tweet**

[https://twitter.com/MnDPS\\_MSP/status/644913363735212032](https://twitter.com/MnDPS_MSP/status/644913363735212032)

Up to 30K motorcycles will hit the roads Sat. btwn. Winona & Twin Cities. Pay attention, drive at safe speeds. <http://www.floodrun.net>

**Safe Roads Alliance @Safe\_Roads | View the Tweet**

[https://twitter.com/Safe\\_Roads/status/644911830708682752](https://twitter.com/Safe_Roads/status/644911830708682752)

Weekly Distracted Driving News - [https://paper.li/PSDP\\_Info/1362761363](https://paper.li/PSDP_Info/1362761363) ... #d2summit

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Volkswagen Is Ordered to Recall Nearly 500,000 Vehicles Over Emissions Software <http://ow.ly/SoHkq>

**WV GHSP @WVhighwaysafety | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/WVhighwaysafety/status/644835864540020736>

To have a certified tech check your child's seat, go to our website to find a seat check:

<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/CPS/Pages/default.aspx> ...