

AAMVA Legislative/Regulatory Alert

To: Chief Driver's License Administrators
Chief Law Enforcement Officials

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RE: Congress Clears Continuing Resolution Funding Operations to March 4

In the dwindling hours of the 111th session, Congress cleared a continuing resolution (Senate Amendment 4885 to HR 3082) that would continue funding government operations until March 4, 2011. While conferees must meet to finalize the bill for Presidential presentation, the measure as cleared included an extension of federal aid highway programs until March 4, including extensions of NHTSA and FMCSA safety programs. Programs provided specific funding levels include:

NHTSA

- Occupant protection incentive grants
- Safety belt performance grants
- State traffic safety information system improvements
- Alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures incentive grant program
- Funding for the National Driver Register
- High visibility enforcement program
- Motorcyclist safety
- Child safety and child booster seat safety incentive grants

FMCSA

- Motor carrier safety grants
- High priority activities
- New entrant audits
- Commercial Driver's License Information System Modernization
- Outreach and education
- Grant program for commercial motor vehicle operators
- Motor carrier safety advisory committee
- Working group for practices and procedures to enhance federal-state relations

The measure would provide an overall annualized spending rate that is \$1.16 billion more than fiscal 2010 levels. It would also provide additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Pell grants. It also would allow the awarding of a Navy contract for shipbuilding of Littoral Combat Ships to multiple suppliers. The bill was agreed to in the House by a vote of 193-165 and in the Senate by a vote of 79-16.