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OLD CARS AND NEW LAWS



PLUS WHAATSUUP HERE AND THERE

Not all of the following state bills are laws at this time. They were recently introduced and are currently under consideration by the respective legislatures.

ALABAMA

Gov. Ivey has called a meeting over a proposed coastal toll bridge. He asked the State Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority to meet Sept. 17th to discuss a bridge that would cross the Mobile River and Mobile Bay.

ALASKA

The Gov. has vetoed extra funding for the state's ferry services. The extra funding was placed in the budget by the Legislature. Coastal residents say without the ferry service, they are prevented from traveling in emergency situations.

ARIZONA

Fees could be going up for large campgrounds near the Grand Canyon's popular South Rim entrance. A proposal to raise fees at Ten X Campgrounds from \$10 to \$24 for a single site and double sites from \$20 to \$48, is being considered.

After confusion and outrage over Tempe police Dept's new "positive ticketing" campaign, officials vow that no one will be pulled over for following the law

Environmental groups have asked a judge to stop a plan to replace existing vehicle barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border. The groups argue that the Trump administration unlawfully waived dozens of laws as part of a project that will ultimately damage wildlife habitat.

CALIFORNIA

A City wide promotion with a popular Amazon series that teamed up with 30 business's in the Los Angeles area to sell gas at 1950 prices (30 cents per gallon) caused major traffic

problems as drivers lined up for hours to buy the 30 cents a gallon gas. Police had to shut down a Chevron in Santa Monica because of the traffic jams. The sale price was only valid for a certain length of time.

The city of Sacramento has reduced their speed limits in school zones from 25 to 15 mph. The problem is that all of the speed limit signs in school zones say 25 mph. The city says it will take several months to replace the signs with the new speed limit.

It was not Smokey! A patrol car was struck by a falling bear, which fell from a ledge above the road and landed on the hood of the patrol car. The patrol then hit an embankment, rolled over and caught fire. The bear and the deputy both managed to escape injuries. The bear was last seen running back up the hill.

COLORADO

On August 17th, new air quality regulation requiring that at least 5% of the vehicles sold in the state by 2023, emit zero pollution became effective.

CONNECTICUT

The city of Wilton has stopped guardrail improvements following complaints about the look of new, steel barriers on some streets. (I assume that residents are more concerned about the looks, but not in safety.)

D.C. WASHINGTON

A four-month trial period on Moped use will start soon. It is part of a demonstration pilot for motor driven-cycles for D.C.s commitment to shared mobility options.

DELAWARE

The city of Newark is getting rid of its parking meters and upgrading to a more modern ways of collecting money for parking. The plan will involve a phone parking app, kiosks that take credit cards and license plate numbers.

ILLINOIS

A state license plate featuring the St. Louis Cardinal's football team will be sold to help support public schools.

KANSAS

The State Transportation Dept. plans to spend \$5 million this year to help cities and counties repair 3,800 bridges that are in poor condition or structurally insufficient.

The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program has awarded Nelson's Old Riverton store a \$2,500 matching grant to upgrade its exterior.

MINNESOTA

The Department of Public Safety said officers cited 678 drivers across the state during the first week of a hands free law.

MONTANA

Forestry officials have proposed increasing prices and charging new fees for rental cabins and campground's in the Lolo National Forest.

MASSACHUSETTS

The state's DMV has recalled driver's licenses of 8,000 residents it says missed multiple deadlines to get their identification in compliance with federal requirements. DMV says another 78,000 drivers are also out of compliance. It staggered deadlines to provide DMV relief.

In the third week of August the state DMV suspended an additional 869 registered state drivers for driving infractions in other states that were never processed until August, bringing the total to more than 2,400. DMV says more suspensions are likely as it is actively reviewing 4,724 cases of open convictions and suspensions concerning serious violations to see whether more drivers licenses should be suspended.

The state DMV is holding its annual lottery for much-sought-after low number vehicle license plates. The entries were accepted up to August 23rd.

NEBRASKA

A state trooper has cited a driver after pulling over a vehicle that had registration stickers painted on its license plate.

NEW MEXICO

Some Navajo Nation officials plan to ask the state to rename a U.S. Highway after the late Sen. John Pinto, the longest-serving Native lawmaker in U.S. history.

The National Park Service is creating a digital map of Carlsbad Caverns Nation Park to help with repairs and maintenance projects.

NEW YORK

Portions of two major highways have been renamed, to honor troopers killed in the line of duty.

Schools in the state can now install cameras on the stop arms of school buses to catch motorists who put students at risk.

State officials are asking the public to help choose a new license design. Gov. Cuomo says people can vote on the governor's website.

NORTH CAROLINA

A state Appeals court says a trooper acted appropriately when he chased and stopped a vehicle when its passenger flashed his middle finger at him.

Effective in early October, ride-share companies must have front license-tag numbers. By next summer, they will have to display their' companies logos to be clearly visible.

NORTH DAKOTA

Law enforcement agencies across the state began a “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign from August 10th thru September 2nd.

OHIO

Ohio’s attorney general says the state’s database of driver’s licenses and law enforcement photos have not been used properly for mass surveillance or dragnets.

OREGON

The state will spend \$9 million on a revised effort to replace the Interstate Bridge over the Columbia River, a decision officials say is needed to show growing state commitment to the project.

Railroad crossing crashes in the state have nearly doubled since 2013.

PENNSYLVANIA

State residents who prefer not to be identified as male or female, will soon have a gender-neutral option on their state issued driver’s licenses.

RHODE ISLAND

Gov. Raimondo says the state will be offering a gender-neutral option for driver’s licenses and birth certificates.

TEXAS

The Galveston police chief apologized after two of his officers, mounted on horseback, led a handcuffed trespassing suspect by rope through downtown streets.

State Transportation officials are considering a plan that would earmark \$390 million to help reduce highway deaths by straightening roads, improve lighting and add guardrails.

VIRGINIA

Collecting tolls in the Hampton Roads region generates about \$180 million a year, nearly twice the size of the regions fishing and farming sectors combined

WHAATSUUP HERE AND THERE

Last year, approximately 1,800 federal park rangers reported making more than 25,000 speeding stops at the National Park service's 419 parks, monuments, parkways and battlefields as Rangers try to save park animals from reckless tourists.

Tesla has announced that they will soon begin producing an electric pickup. They say it will cost less than \$50,000 and that it will be better than the Ford F100. No release date or concept model were available.

More than 900 children have died in hot cars since 1990. Yearly, 38 kids die on average. That is one every nine days according to KidsandCar.org, which tracks **hot car deaths. One theory suggests tired parents simple forget about their children in the car.**

The 5 top stolen vehicles of the 2016-2018 model year are: #1-Dodge Charger Hemi, #2-Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, #3 – Infiniti QX5o four door, #4 – Infinite QX80 and #5 – GMC Sierra 1500 crew cab. The top 5 least stolen vehicles during the same period are” #1 – BMW 3-Series four-door, #2 – Tesla Model S four-wheel drive, #3 – Tesla Model X four-wheel drive, #4 – Chevy Equinox Four-wheel drive and # 5 – Buick Encore Four-wheel drive. According to the FBI, more than 773,000 vehicles with a total value of nearly \$6 million were stolen in the U.S. in 2017 and that summer is the busiest season for vehicle theft.

A California Tesla owner has filed a lawsuit alleging that Tesla limited his battery range when they did a software update, to avoid a costly recall to allegedly fix or replace defective batteries. There have been other complaints from owners of 2014 Tesla S 85s. Tesla denied the claim, saying that degradation was normal.

Ford has issued recalls for some Explorer and Lincoln Aviators to replace some parts. Ford says the vehicles could roll while parked due to a part not installed properly. They also announced extensions of warranties for 500,000 Fiesta' and Focus models built between Nov. 5, 2015 and 2014 & 201f Fiesta models which had transportation problems. They also say they will reimburse some owners who paid for transportation repairs.

The contact with the auto unions and the big 3 is up and experts say the union will strike against Ford first if talks fail to reach an agreement.

A West Lafayette second-grader,s appeal to the mayor resulted in a benefit for area reptiles, with new turtle crossing signs printed and installed at crossing sites.

According to a USA Today article by Nathan Bomey, the average sticker price of a new vehicle was \$39,500 in the first half of 2019, but it has started to drop due to a glul of SUVs. In July 2019, that price dropped to \$37,35, when discounts were factored in. Auto makers are offering 2,923 different deal packages to help increase sales.

A survey of 2,000 U.S. adults done for The Zebra, an insurance comparison tool, the average American spends \$653 a month for car payments and car related expenses. That amounts to \$7,836 per year. The costs are based on finance fees, insurance, fuel, maintenance, license and registration fees and in some cases, parking fees.

A driver in Clinton County Iowa called police and reported that her vehicle was stolen, but at the time, she was driving the vehicle and being pursued by police. She was stopped by police who used ‘stop Sticks’ which punctures the tires. Police arrested her and charged her with speeding, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license.

According to NBC news, GM which has several factories in China, sold more vehicles there than in the U.S. Four million sold in China and only 3 million in the U.S. The majority of Cadillac sales are in China.

Drivers of the new 2020 Lincoln Aviator can now use their iphones or some Android phone to remotely start their vehicles, open windows, lock and unlock doors, and many other uses. There will be no reason to carry a key fob.

Waymo has announced that it will soon test self-driving vehicles in Florida. The tests will determine how they perform in rain and wet roads.



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