




American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

MEMO

TO: AAMVA Board of Directors, Chief Administrators and Chief Law Enforcement Officials

FROM: Neil D. Schuster, President and CEO 

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

RE: **AAMVA Requests Your RSVP on Regional Workshops re Proposed National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Rules**

Background

The Department of Justice (DOJ) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on September 22 in the *Federal Register* that implements NMVTIS reporting requirements imposed on junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers pursuant to the Anti-Car Theft Act (see attached). The NPRM also clarifies the various responsibilities of the operator of NMVTIS (AAMVA), the states, junk yards, salvage yards and insurance carriers. The rule also discusses the process by which NMVTIS will be funded through user fees.

AAMVA to Assist States in Analyzing Rules

AAMVA is in the process of putting together a matrix to assist the states with analyzing the proposed rule. We will send this to you by the end of this week.

Comments regarding this NPRM are due by November 21, 2008. If your state intends to submit comments to the docket, please e-mail a copy of your comments to Cian Cashin (ccashin@aamva.org) by October 31, 2008 so AAMVA can use the jurisdiction comments as the basis for the Association comments for the docket.

AAMVA Seeks Jurisdiction Interest in Regional Workshops on Proposed Rules

AAMVA is considering two regional workshops to assist states in better understanding the proposed NMVTIS rules. The workshops are likely to be October 7 or 8 in Baltimore, Maryland and October 15 or 16 in Denver, Colorado.

Please let us know **by close of business, Tuesday, September 24** if you have an interest in attending either of these workshops. If there is sufficient interest, we will move forward, but we must do so within the next

two days in order to secure meeting space. Please send your reply to Sandy Bloomfield at sbloomfield@aamva.org.

Judge Issues Ruling in NMVTIS Lawsuit by Consumer Groups

On Monday, September 22, federal Judge Marilyn Hall Patel ruled in favor of consumer groups to require the Department of Justice to implement NMVTIS immediately. The judge required the Department of Justice to issue the final rule implementing NMVTIS by January 30, 2009 and the rule must be effective by the end of March 2009. This means insurance companies, salvage yards and junk yards would have to start submitting their data to NMVTIS by March 2009. She also required consumer to be given access to NMVTIS no later than January 30, 2009. AAMVA is currently awaiting DOJ's reactions to determine the impact of the lawsuit on the states and newly issued NPRM.

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Attachments