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Senate Introduces E-Fairness Bill

On March 10, a bipartisan group of Senators introduced S. 698, the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2015, to level the playing field between brick-and-mortar retailers and remote sellers, regarding the collection of sales and use taxes on transactions. As in the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA) passed by Senate in the 113th Congress, the bill would provide states the opportunity to collect taxes from online purchases, closing the loophole that allows internet retailers

to have a 5 to 10 percent unfair pricing advantage over traditional storefront retailers.

The bill would provide for free to retailers the software necessary to perform the tax calculations and collections. It would also eliminate any retailer liability in the event that a state, locality, or software provider does not update the tax rates properly. Retailers with remote sales less than \$1 million in gross annual receipts would be exempt from the collection requirements.

S. 698 differs slightly from the MFA in the 113th Congress with a provision that that bars states from implementing the tax collection for one year after the enactment of the law, and provides an additional moratorium from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31 of the first year the law is in place.

Five Republicans, four Democrats and one Independent were all original cosponsors of the legislation, giving the bill a strong introduction that could point to eventual passage again by the Senate. The Auto Care Association is encouraging all of our members to ask their Senators to cosponsor the legislation, or thank your Senators, if they are already on the bill.

An Action Alert is available on the Auto Care Association website for you to send a pre-written letter to your Senators quickly and easily. Please visit the Auto Care Action Center to urge your U.S. Senators to cosponsor S. 698 and support its passage in the full Senate. Back...

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TTIP Auto Study Slated To Wrap Up

Auto industry groups are expected to complete a review of a study sometime around late March, examining whether crash worthiness and crash avoidance standards for cars in the U.S. and European Union achieve equivalent results. The study was first announced in December 2013 and is being sponsored by the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents 12 U.S. and foreign automakers.

The American Automotive Policy Council, which represents the "Big Three" of the U.S. auto industry, and the Brussels-based European Automobile Manufacturers' Association are also providing support. The groups are seeking to harmonize U.S. and EU auto regulations through the auspices of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). The U.S. and EU are engaged in ongoing TTIP talks. The study is being conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute in partnership with SAFER, a transportation research center at Chalmers University in Gothenburg, Sweden. .

Bill Introduced To Encourage Use Of Remanufactured Parts In U.S. Vehicle Fleet

On Feb. 25, S. 565, the Federal Vehicle Cost Savings Act, was introduced by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.), and James Lankford (R-Okla.), to encourage the use of remanufactured parts in government vehicles. The bill states simply that "the head of each Federal agency shall encourage the use of remanufactured vehicle components to maintain Federal vehicles, if using such components reduces the cost of maintaining the Federal vehicles while maintaining quality".

The language in the bill also cites a General Accountability Office (GAO) study from March of 2013 in its "Findings" section that detailed costs of \$975M in 2011 for repair and maintenance on a Federal fleet of 588,000 vehicles. In a same-day press release Senator Lankford stated that, "The United States is the world's largest producer, consumer, and exporter of remanufactured goods. Remanufacturing of motor vehicle parts creates 30,653 full-time U.S. jobs, while remanufacturing of off-road equipment creates an additional 20,870 jobs."

In a March 4 press release from Senator Peters' office, announcing that the bill unanimously passed the Senate Homeland Security Committee, it was noted that "This legislation provides the necessary oversight to ensure that federal agencies are considering remanufactured parts to reduce their vehicle repair and maintenance costs. Using remanufactured parts such as engines, transmissions, alternators and starters helps reduce taxpayer burden, promotes conservation and supports the U.S auto supply industry."

The press release from Senator Lankford's office can be viewed [here](#). The press release from Senator Peters' office can be viewed [here](#).

NHTSA Chief Announces Two-Year Push To Strengthen Vehicle Safety Program

On March 13, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator, Dr. Mark Rosekind, announced a "two-year sprint" at the agency to strengthen its vehicle safety program. The announcement comes after the last two years have exposed gaping holes in their vehicle and parts safety investigation, and enforcement authority, as evidenced by the massive, troubled recalls from major auto manufacturers and their original equipment suppliers. Rosekind said the challenges facing the agency were great, but trust in the agency must be repaired. He also revealed that a special projects group at the U.S. Department of Transportation would be reviewing the NewCar Assessment Program (NCAP), which assesses vehicles safety ratings, indicated by one to five stars, and is published on the website safercar.gov. The Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, is expected to make a major announcement about NCAP in the next few months.

Additionally, Rosekind's plan will continue to focus on core NHTSA safety programs like "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

Let Us Know Your Position On The Bottle Bill (A6257)

The subject bill amends the Environmental Conservation Law to require mandatory acceptance of empty beverage containers. It exempts places of business less than 2000 square feet, and food processing establishments less than 5000 square feet, from being mandated to accept returns of empty containers.

The provision of the bill exempt places of business less than 2000 square feet, and food processing establishments less than 5000 square feet, from being mandated to accept returns of empty containers. It also removes the right to have such places of business accept empty containers from the New York Bottle Bill of Rights. These exemptions do not apply if the business is located in a city with a population of one million or more.

Under existing law stores are required to accept empty containers regardless of their size.

The sponsors justification is that stores under 2000 square feet lack adequate space to be able to store empty containers that are returned to them. This often leads to unsanitary conditions as many of these same stores prepare and sell food. For this same reason, food processing establishments less than 5000 square feet should also be exempt from this mandate. The lack of space in these stores makes it nearly impossible to avoid storing dirty returned containers adjacent to food products. There exist adequate alternative locations to return empty containers for those who wish to recycle and reclaim their deposits that do not create similar unsanitary conditions.

We are asking the membership if we should support or oppose this bill. Contact the Association Office to make your position known.

New Inspection Bill (A6200) Introduced In The Assembly

The bill amends the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law concerning periodic inspection of all motor vehicles. The purpose of this bill is to allow for biennial vehicle inspections to replace the current requirement of annual inspections.

The bill mandates that the DMV Commissioner shall require that every motor vehicle registered in this state be inspected biennially for safety, and at least biennially for emissions as currently required.

According to the sponsor of the bill New York is one of only 18 states that mandate scheduled vehicle inspections. The utilization of advanced vehicle safety technologies in vehicle manufacturing has greatly improved the reliability and safety of motor vehicles. It is unnecessary and cumbersome to require that every motor vehicle in the state go through a vehicle inspection annually.

Of the course Association and its member disagree and will oppose this bill and will discuss the issue with the sponsor.

Assembly Passes Paid Family Leave Bill

Chair of the New York State Assembly Education Committee Assembly Member Catherine Nolan spoke during a news conference at the Legislative Office Building to release a letter from lawmakers to Gov. Cuomo with specific budget recommendation. The Assembly passed a bill Tuesday afternoon that would establish paid family leave, a topic that has garnered much attention over the past two days.

The vote was 84-43 in favor of passage.

The Cathy Nolan-sponsored legislation would provide pay for employees in the public and private sectors during injury, sickness, pregnancy or family leave.

“The lack of paid family leave is holding New York back,” Nolan said in a statement. “It adds to pay inequality and keeps women out of the work force, which negatively impacts our families and our economy as a whole. This legislation would help families maintain financial security and provide the flexibility they need while caring for loved ones.”

Both the Assembly and state Senate included paid family leave in their one-house budget proposals. A Cuomo spokeswoman said told Capital New York that the Senate’s proposal, pushed for by the Independent Democratic Conference for the past two years, isn’t passable, though.

A group of women, including prominent state lawmakers, penned a letter to the governor yesterday urging him to take action on paid family leave.

NYVIP2 Message No. 213

DATE: 03/19/15

TO: ALL INSPECTION STATIONS

FROM: OPUS INSPECTION

SUBJECT: NYVIP2 SOFTWARE VERSION LOCKOUT
PLEASE BRING THIS MESSAGE TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE STATION OWNER AND/OR
MANAGER

You need to take immediate action!

On February 27, 2015 all stations received NYVIP2 message #212 which announced the rollout of new software version 14.12.19. The software has been released to all stations. Please review NYVIP2 Message #212 at WWW.NYVIP.ORG under “Program News” on the Home Page.

Please be sure that your NYVIP2 software is current and updated as required with version 14.12.19. The version number is displayed in the upper right hand corner of the NYVIP2 screen.

Stations that have not installed 14.12.19 software will be locked out on Monday April 6, 2015. A lockout will interrupt your ability to inspect vehicles until you successfully update to the new software.

If you need assistance installing the update, or you haven’t received the update, contact the Opus Inspection Help Desk at 1-866-623-8378 (1-866-OBDD-TEST).

Cigarette Trafficking A Growing Problem For Virginia

The Richmond Times-Dispatch published an extensive article analyzing the growing problem of illicit interstate cigarette trafficking, particularly along the East Coast from Virginia (with a state cigarette tax of 30 cents per pack) to New York (with a state cigarette tax of \$4.35 per pack, higher in New York City).

According to the article, the economics driving the trafficking are simple and irresistible: a \$4 or \$5 pack of cigarettes in Virginia can fetch up to \$12 to \$15 in New York City, although most sell there for \$8 to \$9 because savvy shoppers expect a discount for cigarettes with Virginia tax stamps. The two states are just a few hours apart on Interstate 95, and a one-day round trip in a car or a van can earn thousands of dollars.

While the problem is dismissed by many in Virginia as New York’s own self-inflicted headache, and law enforcement efforts are sometimes slighted as little more than tax collection, many law enforcement experts acknowledge that trafficking is an immense problem that has introduced growing elements of organized crime to Virginia. After all, cigarette traffickers don’t just bring cash to Virginia to buy the cigarettes — in many cases their payment currency is firearms, drugs, stolen jewelry or cars.

The illegal profit on cigarette trafficking is enormous and the practice is growing, moving from smaller scale operations to more extensive operations that use seemingly legitimate businesses as a cover for their more lucrative illegal efforts. And in many cases, traffickers don’t even bother setting up a real business, simply creating businesses on paper only, in order to buy hundreds of tax-free cartons at a time from wholesale stores for underground distribution. Further, it is not unheard of for the money from cigarette trafficking to be used to support terrorism or other criminal enterprises, as the Times-Dispatch article cites several instances of this over the past decades. The full article is available on the Richmond Times-Dispatch website.

FDA Provides Updated Guidance On Menu-Labeling Rule

The Food and Drug Administration issued a “Small Entity Compliance Guide” to assist restaurants and “similar retail food establishments” (including many convenience stores) in understanding the recently updated menu-labeling standards.

The FDA describes the guide, which can be accessed online here, as a plain language summary of the rule. However, during a congressional hearing on FDA’s budget request that same day, Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) said the guidance “had no real benefit,” and FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said that further guidance would be forthcoming.

The final rule is set to take effect on December 1, 2015. Retailers should begin developing an understanding of the rule’s requirements and thinking about compliance strategies.

As a general matter, establishments that are covered by the menu-labeling regulations must post calories for standard menu items on menus or menu boards or, for self-service items and foods on display, on signs adjacent to the items. They also will be required to provide additional written nutrition information to consumers upon request.

Class-Action Wage Suit Against Stewart's To Proceed

While dismissing several claims, federal judge Thomas J. McAvoy also upheld other claims and allowed a lawsuit accusing Stewart's Shops of violating wage laws to proceed.

The lawsuit filed by one former worker on Jan. 9, 2014 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York in Albany, alleges that Stewart's Shops failed to compensate employees for all hours worked. Specifically, it alleges that employees were routinely required to perform work before and after their scheduled shifts yet were not paid for such time.

The class-action lawsuit also alleges that the Saratoga Springs-based retailer routinely deprived employees of mandatory meal breaks; failed to implement an accurate and effective method to record time worked by employees; failed to provide employees with mandatory disclosures concerning their rate of pay; and failed to pay for the cost to launder and maintain required uniforms.

After the initial lawsuit was filed, two other former Stewart's employees joined the original plaintiff.

The lawsuit seeks \$20 million in damages and class-action status on behalf of all non-exempt hourly employees who worked for Stewart's the previous three years.

Ryan M. Finn of E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy LLP, who brought forth the suit on behalf of the three former Stewart's employees, told the Albany Business Review the judge's decision is "another step forward. It's not a complete victory until the people in the class get paid what they are owed from Stewart's, but I think it's an important step along the way."

On the other side of the matter, Stewart's Shops expressed optimism. The convenience store operator said it is confident in the outcome of the litigation as it treats and pays its employees fairly.

"We are pleased with the judge's decision thus far, but it is too premature to declare victory," Stewart's spokeswoman Maria D'Amelia said in a statement. "We are optimistic about the pending litigation."

Stewart's Shops operates 333 convenience stores in upstate New York and Vermont.

Retailer Takeaways From Cybersecurity Summit

Following last month's White House-hosted Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection, Chain Store Age published a column describing several retailer-oriented takeaways. Among them were:

Retailers recognize chip-and-PIN – Participants stressed that chip-and-PIN technology is the best means of securing personal customer details at the point of sale. "While U.S. financial institutions have been promoting chip and signature

technology ... it seems that retailers understand chip and PIN offers more security," writes the publication.

Mobile payment – Retail is just the beginning of the possibilities for mobile payment, not the end goal. For instance, Apple is working on making Apple Pay compatible with cards issued to government employees for their expenses, as well as compatible with Social Security and veterans pensions. "This represents a major expansion of the idea of a mobile wallet. And it helps retailers in two key ways. First, the more consumers use a technology in their everyday lives, the more they use it in a retail setting. ... Second, easily accessible mobile personal identification, such as driver's licenses, would make verifying pay-in-advance transactions much easier and faster," writes CSA.

We're all in it together – One thing made clear at the summit, from President Obama on down, is that safeguarding the security and privacy of consumer data is a shared responsibility of government and business. Retailers need to understand they have entered a new age of payment security where all the stakeholders must cooperate and align their efforts for everyone's benefit, especially the consumer.

Marathon Targets Hess Northeast, Florida Retail Sites For 2015 Conversion

Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) said on Tuesday that it will convert about 500 Hess-branded retail gasoline stores in the Northeast to its Speedway brand by December 2015, with another 250 in Florida to make that brand switch by March 2015.

The company had said on Feb. 4 that 134 of the 1,245 acquired Hess-branded stores have been converted to Speedway as of Jan. 31.

MPC had said previously that it is expected to complete the Hess-to-Speedway brand conversion over the next three years.

In addition to the Northeast and Florida, MPC said that it will convert the remaining 495 Hess retail stations in the Mid-Atlantic by December 2016.

The Hess-to-Speedway retail conversion will cost \$181 million, and remodel capital is set at \$240 million.

MPC's acquisition included all Hess retail brands -- Hess Express and WilcoHess. North Carolina-based WilcoHess has more than 300 sites and more than 30 truckstops in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

After the completion of the Hess deal, Speedway has a total of 2,736 retail stations in 23 states, compared with 1,480 sites in nine states prior to acquiring Hess' retail sites.

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C-Store Chain Cited Over Safety-Hazard Allegations

A chain of 250 pharmacies and convenience stores in the greater New York City area faces \$77,400 in proposed fines over allegations of federal workplace safety violations

after an inspection revealed obstructed emergency exits and high stacks of heavy boxes at one of its stores, officials said.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited the Duane Reade Inc. store on 6th Avenue in Manhattan for one repeated and four "serious" violations after an inspection last September.

Inspectors found that three emergency exit routes were blocked by boxes, crates, garbage bags and merchandise; the emergency exit lights were not illuminated; and one exit was not marked.

"An exit route should not be an obstacle course. Seconds count during a fire or other emergency," said Kay Gee, OSHA's area director in Manhattan.

Gee said the inspection was "especially troubling" because OSHA cited the Duane Reade chain in 2013 for similar hazards at another store in Lower Manhattan.

The OSHA inspection of the 6th Avenue store was in response to an employee complaint about obstructed exits. Inspectors also found that boxes of merchandise and inventory in a stockroom were unsafely stacked in 10- to 12-foot piles that could tip, slide or collapse, striking or crushing workers.

OSHA said it defines a repeated violation as one in which an employer was cited for the same or a similar violation at any other site within the last five years. The agency said a "serious" violation involves "substantial probability" of death or serious physical harm from a hazard the employer knew about or should have known existed.

The company has 15 business days from receipt of its citations and proposed penalties to comply, meet with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review

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President Obama Vetoes Keystone Pipeline Bill

President Barack Obama has vetoed legislation yesterday that would have approved the Keystone XL pipeline shortly after it arrived at the White House for his signature, "without any drama or fanfare or delay," reports USA Today.

The president repeatedly vowed to veto the bill. The bill passed the House of Representatives 270-152 and the Senate 62-36 — margins well short of the two-thirds majorities needed to override.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said the administration might eventually approve the pipeline after the State Department review is complete. "That possibility still does exist. This is an ongoing review," writes the Wall Street Journal, adding that the State Department is deciding whether the Keystone XL pipeline is in the nation's interest by examining its impact on the economy, environment and national security. There is no deadline to make a final decision.

The pipeline, which would deliver up to 830,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to the Gulf Coast, has become a political flash point in the debate over climate change and

economic growth. The energy security and economic opportunity provided by projects like Keystone XL, which has been found to present limited environmental risks, was supported by NACS as a matter of sound national energy policy.

The Keystone Pipeline bill is the third bill vetoed by President Obama since being sworn into office in January 2009.

Appeals Court May Curtail 'Corrective Statements' On Cigarettes

A federal appeals court on Monday suggested that it may scale back U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler's order requiring tobacco companies to issue "corrective statements" on cigarette products," reports the Wall Street Journal.

The corrective statements, outlined by Kessler in November 2012, would include language that a federal court ruled that the companies "deliberately deceived the American public." Tobacco companies have reserved the right to appeal the statements, which would address a range of deceptions about smoking's impact on health, its addictive nature and the health effects of second-hand smoke, as well as false advertising of light or low-tar cigarettes as less harmful.

On Monday, two of the three judges on the panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit voiced concern about the wording of the warnings, writes the news source, adding that if the court finds that parts of the warnings go too far, they would need to be rewritten.

D.C. Circuit Judge David Tatel "expressed reservations" about Kessler's decision to force tobacco companies to disclose in the warnings they had deliberately deceived the public. "That's different than focusing on the product," he said.

Miguel Estrada, representing Philip Morris USA, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Lorillard Tobacco Co., said the cigarette makers "stand ready to disseminate truthful, factual information about the health effects of their products," writes the news source, adding that he argued the wording of Kessler's product warnings was designed to punish and stigmatize the companies. He said it would violate the First Amendment to force his clients to publicly brand themselves as wrongdoers.

Melissa Patterson, an attorney for the Justice Department, said that Kessler's intent was not to "humiliate the tobacco companies" but to make sure the product warnings would be effective in "countering tobacco-company efforts to mislead consumers."

A ruling is likely in the coming months.

Judge Rules Against American Express On Merchant Rules

A U.S. judge ruled that the merchant rules set by American Express violate antitrust law.

The case stems from a 2010 lawsuit in which the Justice Department said that the rules AmEx sets for merchants hurt

competition and drive fees higher for consumers. The Wall Street Journal reports that the government wasn't seeking monetary damages in the case, but instead was trying to force AmEx to drop its restrictions.

At issue is a rule that prevents merchants who accept AmEx cards from encouraging customers to use another card other than AmEx. The card company has previously said that losing this case would have "a material adverse effect" its business because AmEx uses the fees it charges to merchants to fund rewards programs and other cardholder perks.

Thursday's ruling does not mean that AmEx must immediately drop its rules. The Wall Street Journal writes that Judge Nicholas Garaufis asked both AmEx and the DOJ to submit a proposed remedy to the situation because "the parties themselves are likely best equipped to determine how American Express' merchant regulations might be rewritten so as to satisfy American Express' interests" and comply with antitrust rules. AmEx said in a statement that it will appeal the ruling.

Meanwhile, the Merchants Payments Coalition, issued a statement that the ruling "is one step forward to bringing badly needed competition and transparency to the entire credit card industry."

The MPC continues: "Allowing retailers to ask consumers to use a less expensive card will result in lower prices for consumers and a fairer market for the fees merchants currently pay to accept credit and debit cards. Judge Garaufis got it exactly right that card networks charge merchants inflated prices that result in higher costs for consumers.

"Merchants across the country are thankful to the U.S. Department of Justice and to the judiciary for recognizing the anti-competitive nature of American Express's rules and are hopeful other steps will be taken to stop similar unfair practices of the other card companies that set outrageous fees behind closed doors for their real customers, the banks issuing the cards."

Store Owner Arraigned In \$500K Food Stamp Fraud Case

Another large food stamp fraud case has surfaced, this time in Massachusetts.

In the latest case, the owner of a Springfield, Mass., convenience store was arraigned earlier this week in Hampden Superior Court to answer charges that he illegally used electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards and defrauded the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps.

Julio Rodriguez, 55, allegedly let customers illegally exchange food stamps for cash, making more than \$500,000 in fraudulent transactions, according to Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey.

Rodriguez pleaded not guilty to larceny over \$250, food stamp trafficking and access device fraud.

Authorities allege that Rodriguez made more than \$516,000 in fraudulent transactions between June 2012 and December 2014, estimating he kept 50% in illegal profits from those transactions.

For example, if an EBT card customer wanted \$50 in cash, Rodriguez would allegedly provide the customer with \$50 cash and fraudulently enter a \$100 grocery sale. The store account would subsequently be credited with \$100 from the customer's EBT SNAP account, providing the store with a \$50 profit on the transaction. The SNAP program does not allow cash to be exchanged in lieu of benefits.

Other similar six- and seven-figure fraud cases involving convenience stores have cropped up in recent years in other states, including Texas, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Michigan and West Virginia.

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Minimum Wage Bill

In the New York State 2015/16 budget there is a proposal to raise the minimum wage.

Effective December 31, 2015, New York's current statutory minimum wage of \$8.75 will increase to \$9.00. This new Budget Bill would amend the Labor Law to increase the statutory minimum wage by \$2.50, to \$11.50 in New York City and by \$1.50 to \$10.50 in the remainder of the State, Effective December 31, 2016.

This proposal is in the Governor's Budget and will become law if the Budget passes as is.

DMV Record Retrieval

DMV record retrieval is available to association members and affiliates at a cost of \$12 per record. Additionally, you may order DMV certified paper abstracts of driver's license, vehicle registration, and vehicle title records for an additional fee of \$2 per abstract. Please call 585-423-9924.

Attention Inspection Stations

The association has received a flurry of requests for legal representation for violations of the DMV commissioner regulations known as "clean scanning." that is when a vehicle other than the one to be inspected is substitute for the OBD-II part of the test. We have no defense for these violations. DMV has the ability to trace the OBD-II inspection to the vehicle used for the inspection.

If you cannot pass a vehicle for any reason, get help. That help could come from DMV. This violation almost always results in revocation.

ATTORNEY'S CORNER

Since I started at GASDA at the beginning of the year, of the several DMV hearings I've attended thus far the greater number of charges by the D.M.V. have been about shops allegedly performing the emissions portion of the inspection procedure but failing to do the safety portion of the procedure. Sometimes a shop may be trying to save time and just push the emissions inspection through to make a quick buck. But judging from the discussions I've had with members facing this charge, many of our members may not be aware, or may have forgotten, that the full and complete emissions **and** safety inspection procedure must be done at **one location only** by the licensed inspector at that location. For example, one member told the A.F.I. that he did the emissions inspection for several local repair shops because he was the only location within a couple of miles who had a facility inspection license. Then, he said, the shop which had sent him the vehicle would perform the safety portion of the inspection. Supposedly they would...allegedly... maybe... but who knows? The member insisted that he performed a complete inspection for his own customers. Did the judge believe him? We'll find out soon enough. Guys, you're missing the chance to put dollars in your pocket by neglecting the safety portion of the inspection because you assume the other shop will do that work. Some customers will even be glad you point out safety hazards the vehicle is showing and may return in the future to your shop for work to be done on their cars. It's a valuable license you have to perform motor vehicle inspections. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!

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With a Financial history like this you have lots of reasons to smile.

Dividend History

20%	2012-2013
20%	2011-2012
35%	2010-2011
35%	2009-2010
35%	2008-2009
35%	2007-2008
30%	2006-2007
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25%	2004-2005
22.5%	2003-2004
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10%	2001-2002
15%	2000-2001

Discount History

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LEGAL PLAN

As a member in good standing of the Association, you are entitled to participate in our group legal service plan. If you are in need of this service, you must first call the Association office at (585) 423-9924. An appointment will be arranged that will be convenient for you and the attorney.

Covered services available to members include:

- Defense in Small Claims Court if your business is sued or at Department of Motor Vehicles or at any other New York State Administrative Proceeding hearing. (Once per year.)
- Review of leases, supply contracts and franchise agreements to advise you of your obligation under these contracts. The plan does not include actual negotiation on your behalf. (One hour per issue, up to five hours per year.)
- Consultation on legal questions pertaining to your business. (One hour per issue, up to five hours per year.)

Appeals of judgments against you are not a covered benefit, but are available to members at special contract prices.

Additional legal services will be provided by the designated law firm's standard hourly rate less 15%. Special contract prices have also been negotiated for the following services.

- Residential real estate purchase or sale. The designated law firm will represent you in the sale of purchase of your primary residence and/or a second home or vacation property at the following rates:

Sale	\$295.00
Purchase	\$350.00
- Simple will \$75.00 Simple will (husband and wife) \$125.00

In order to participate in the plan you must be a member in good standing and must have been a member for ninety days prior to the need for legal service.

**CIGARETTE SALES TO MINORS
CLERK CERTIFICATION**
COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW STATE CERTIFICATION OF
CLERKS WHO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS

CERTIFICATION OF A CLERK WHO SELLS TOBACCO PRODUCTS
POINT REDUCTION CLASS

NEW YORK STATE AMENDED ITS POLICY OF ENFORCEMENT FOR RETAILERS WHO SELL TOBACCO. UNDER THE NEW LAW A POINT SYSTEM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. EACH VIOLATION OF A TOBACCO SALE TO A MINOR WILL GENERATE A FINE AND TWO POINTS. THREE POINTS AND THE RETAILER'S LICENSE TO SELL CIGARETTES WILL BE SUSPENDED. HOWEVER, IF THE CLERK HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATION BY TAKING AN APPROVED SEMINAR, THE VIOLATION WILL RECEIVE ONE POINT.

THE STATE IS ENFORCING THIS LAW
*IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE OUR MEMBERS,
WE ARE CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE THIS TRAINING.*
PLEASE NOTE DATES, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT SEMINAR

WHERE:

Shadow Lake Golf Course – Woodlands Room
1850 Five Mile Line Road
Penfield, NY

WHEN:

First Thursday of every month at 4:00 PM

COST:

MEMBERS: \$15.00 - NON-MEMBERS \$30.00

PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS AT (585) 423-9924

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Repair Shop and Gasoline Dealers Association

HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

If you are going without health insurance, you are taking a big risk. Now is the best time to stop exposing yourself to high medical costs. Even if you have insurance, you will want to check how our health insurance programs can better suit your needs. Here are some of the benefits of our program:

- **Reduced premiums by being a member of our groups.**
- **Programs provided by a variety of providers.**
- **Choose from a wide selection of plans.**
- **Tailor your insurance to best suit your needs.**
- **Participating employees may choose different plans.**

Let us work with you to find the best program at the best price. We will send you more information, and help you to navigate the selection of plans and options to find the one that is best for you.

**To find out more information call
Ralph Bombardiere at (585) 423-9924**

A Day on The Green

SAVE THE DATE

Shadow Lake Golf & Country Club

1850 Five Mile Line

Penfield, NY 14526

Monday July 27, 2015

<p>\$500 Foursome & Hole Sponsor \$150 Hole Sponsor \$100 Golf, Prizes & Dinner \$35 Dinner ONLY</p>
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Please send check payable to RSGDA

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RSGDA 14th Annual Golf Tournament

RSGDA 14th Annual Golf Tournament
July 27, 2015
Shadow Lake Golf & Country Club, Penfield, NY

Registration and lunch 11:30 A.M.

SIGN ME UP – Fax this Form to 518-452-1955

Name:		Phone:
Business Name:		
Street:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Please check all that apply and give number of people:

Golf/Lunch/Banquet \$100 Number <input type="checkbox"/>	Golf/Lunch \$65.00 Number <input type="checkbox"/>	Dinner Only \$35.00 Number <input type="checkbox"/>
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I want to be a SPONSOR at the following level (check one or more):

<i>Platinum Sponsor:</i> Included 2 foursomes, Tee Sign, banquet dinner, a full-page recognition in the program and newsletter, along with special recognition at the banquet dinner.	\$5,000	
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<i>Prize Sponsor Item:</i> Includes recognition in the program and newsletter.	Prize =	

GOLF

Name of golfer:

Handicap (if known):

<i>1.</i>	
<i>2.</i>	
<i>3.</i>	
<i>4.</i>	

Number of Dinner Only guests:

Make checks payable to: **RSGDA.**

_____ I will bring my check to the tournament.

_____ I will mail my check to RSGDA at 6 Walker Way, Albany, NY 12205

For additional information call 585-423-9924.