

**From:** London, Sarah [Sarah.London@state.vt.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Coriell, Scott  
**CC:** Miller, Elizabeth; Trombley, Shana; Richards, Alyson; Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: DLS looping closing for now

Thanks Scott. No legislative proposal yet. There is no consensus on one yet; there is another meeting with senate and house members this Friday. Realistically I'm hoping all can agree this is an area that warrants further study. Eventually we'll get the transportation chairs as well, but for now we are having trouble getting new law proposal going with judiciary cmt chairs, and actual Judiciary (who runs judicial bureau/ traffic court as you know!).

Good list below. Besides eventually Transp Chairs (who have not yet been in loop), I will check with Administrative Judge re who/whether anyone from judiciary/ judicial bureau wants to be at press conference. Another key person is Willa Farrell who runs court diversion, through AGO. I will ask Chris Curtis if he has a good person with a (non-DUI) DLS story. Take it below date works for TJ? Or let me know if you need me to check. Thanks again.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 12, 2015, at 11:13 AM, Coriell, Scott <[Scott.Coriell@state.vt.us](mailto:Scott.Coriell@state.vt.us)> wrote:

We're set to do this 2/24 at 2 p.m. Here some thoughts on logistics. Let me know if I'm missing anything.

Location: Burlington DMV or Burlington courthouse?

Invitees:

- TJ
- Rob ide
- Sue Minter
- Maxine Grad
- Chris Curtis
- Others?

Legislative proposal: How's this coming? Do we have one yet?

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**From:** Miller, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 5:48 PM  
**To:** London, Sarah  
**Cc:** Coriell, Scott; Trombley, Shana; Richards, Alyson; Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: DLS looping closing for now

Great. Let's pass a statewide amnesty day like a sales tax holiday in connection with a study proposal for any further reform. That looks like it would actually be consistent with/additive to what representative grad has done. We could use the amnesty day to

try to knock off some past debt on a single day with reduced penalties and also sell the amnesty program...

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2015, at 3:38 PM, London, Sarah <[Sarah.London@state.vt.us](mailto:Sarah.London@state.vt.us)> wrote:

Yep, that makes sense to me re location. FYI on substance of this issue so we're all on same page for now – I will meet with Sue and Rob again next week. There is no legislative proposal right now but Sue Minter and Rob Ide have been meeting with Chris Curtis. All agree it makes sense to highlight this issue and Chris Curtis apparently likes the idea of a legislative study to look more broadly at removing license suspension as a penalty for non-driving offenses. Sue says that kind of a proposal would take some time. Maxine Grad has communicated to Sue and I separately that she's not too keen on major DLS this year only because she feels like they did quite a bit with that last session - the major accomplishments on DLS Division from last session are highlighted below. Clearly it makes sense to bring more attention to DLS Division Program, and how forward-thinking Chair Grad's excellent work in this area has been... I will report back after meeting with Sue and Rob next Thursday.

## Overview of the Program

Participants of the DLS Diversion Program are eligible to obtain their driver's license while they are paying off their debt to the VJB. Depending on their financial situation, people may be eligible for a reduction in what they owe on their tickers, or judgments. Participants may satisfy some of their debt through community service or completing an educational program. To obtain these benefits, people with the assistance of Diversion, submit a Motion to the Vermont Judicial Bureau with a proposed contract and payment plan. While there are guidelines regarding a proposed reduction of debt and other details, such as the length of the contract, the VJB Hearing Officer reviews each Motion individually, and there is no guarantee that the VJB will approve the motion as submitted. Upon approval of the contract, the Vermont Judicial Bureau informs the DMV that the person is in compliance with their VJB judgments and therefore eligible for obtaining a driver's license *after the person satisfies any DMV requirements*. Typically the Motion requests a waiver of the DMV reinstatement fee, but a person may need to meet other requirements, for example, pass a driver's license exam or road test, or obtain additional insurance. Diversion staff serve as navigators of the system: they gather and reconcile information from VJB and DMV, prepare the necessary documents and Motion for the Court, refer people to community supports, and gather and forward payments and certification of community service to the VJB.

<http://vtcourtdiversion.org/driving-with-license-suspended-program/>

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**From:** Coriell, Scott  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** Trombley, Shana; Richards, Alyson  
**Cc:** London, Sarah; Miller, Elizabeth; Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** RE: DLS looping closing for now

Sounds good to me. I imagine we'll want to do this in Chittenden County. Let us know a time and we'll get on scheduling it. Thanks!

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**From:** Trombley, Shana  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 11:00 AM  
**To:** Richards, Alyson  
**Cc:** London, Sarah; Coriell, Scott; Miller, Elizabeth; Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: DLS looping closing for now

Can we plan on the week of March 9th? I'm holding Wednesday, 11th at 11am currently for his weekly presser.

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On Jan 23, 2015, at 10:54 AM, Richards, Alyson  
<[Alyson.Richards@state.vt.us](mailto:Alyson.Richards@state.vt.us)> wrote:

This is great! Makes sense to do a press event pre:  
amnesty day to drum up awareness and participation.

Had a good talk with sue minter - she is completely on  
board and will push rob if needed.

Thanks!  
Aly

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2015, at 5:53 PM, London, Sarah  
<[Sarah.London@state.vt.us](mailto:Sarah.London@state.vt.us)> wrote:

Sorry for confusion earlier, here is latest  
on DLS day. I am trying to get TJ's office  
to connect directly with DMV so  
everyone can agree on the details (how  
much the fines will be reduced by,  
etc). Meanwhile, all seem to agree that  
it makes sense for GPS to only attend

the pre-March 20 press conference to publicize the event. (Amnesty Day itself will basically be a bunch of people coming through traffic court.) So, the request is to plan a press conference for either the first or second week of March to publicize amnesty day. I am assuming our office can take lead on that once the terms of "amnesty" are worked out by the relevant agencies. Hope that makes sense. For now, let me know which days in the first two weeks of March work for us and we can start running those with the other folks involved.

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