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The New Health Care Law: Are Attorney Generals Crying Wolf with the Individual Mandate?

Thirteen Attorney Generals, including Virginia AG Ken Cuccinelli, have filed lawsuits challenging the new health care law based on the constitutionality of certain provisions, most notably the individual mandate. On the surface, it appears these AGs have a case – how can the government compel anyone to purchase something? However, when you actually examine the bill and the individual mandate, it turns out these lawsuits are basically political stunts. To learn more about what’s actually in the new health care law, [check out the article here.](#)

New Virginia Law Improves Trailer Safety

[Virginia Senate Bill 646](#) was signed into law and it is a major step forward in improving trailer safety. The law requires a chain or cable that is “structurally adequate” to keep the trailer connected to your car, truck, or SUV. Before this bill became law, there were very few, if any, regulations on trailers. This put drivers at risk of suffering serious injuries from a runaway, detached trailer. This new law should help prevent such accidents from occurring.

Railroad Workers Exposed to Asbestos Now Suffering the Consequences with Mesothelioma

For decades, the railroad industry knew of the dangers of asbestos but still exposed their rail employees to this toxic substance in the workplace. In fact, it was not until 1989 that the Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule banning the use of asbestos. Shockingly, some rail companies continued to use asbestos materials all the way up until the 1990s. This means that we will probably continue to see [railroad related mesothelioma cases for many years to come](#), as mesothelioma doesn’t develop right away. The symptoms of the

disease include shortness of breath, painful breathing, infections, and ultimately death. The cancer's effects can be treated (but not cured) with surgery, chemotherapy or other radiation, drugs, draining of fluid, and sometimes even lung removal.

Red Light Running Puts You, and Other Drivers, at Risk for Serious Injury

One in five drivers admits to running a red light in the last ten intersections, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. This has resulted in [almost 900 people getting killed in car wrecks and an estimated 153,000 serious injuries in crashes](#) that involved running a red light. This leads to \$14 billion in costs to the public every year. Drivers need to understand how important it is to make a complete stop at a red light. If you don't, you're putting not only yourself, but all the other drivers on the road, at risk.

No Text is Worth Dying For

[Texting while driving has become a generational safety issue](#). Most people under the age of 25 carry around a cell phone and text all the time, even while behind the wheel of a car. It's like second nature. This needs to change. We need to stress to our younger drivers the risks associated with this practice. They need to understand that texting while driving is 23 times more dangerous than not texting. In fact, it's considered just as dangerous as drunk driving.

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