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TO: Alcohol Retailers

RE: Following is a news release and information issued by Maryland MVA regarding new driver's license and ID card formats that they will begin issuing June 20, 2016

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Maryland Officials Unveil New Secure Driver's License and ID Card

New Cards Incorporate Cutting-Edge Security Features to Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud Redesigned Cards One of The Most Secure in The Nation

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 9, 2016) – To safeguard personal information and protect against identity theft and fraud, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary Pete K. Rahn today joined Motor Vehicle Administrator Christine E. Nizer, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George W. Owings and Maryland State Police Lt. Colonel Anthony Satchell to unveil Maryland's new secure driver's license and identification (ID) card. The new cards feature multiple layers of security to help prevent identity theft and fraud and are one of the most secure products in the nation.

"Marylanders will be protected against identity theft and fraud with these new cards," said Transportation Secretary Rahn. "We are proud to safeguard their personal information."

Examples of the cutting-edge security features include:

- Polycarbonate card body -- more durable and tamper-resistant;
- Laser engraving -- maximum protection against forgery;
- Changeable laser image -- allows two or more images to occupy the same area;
- Tactile text -- raised print making it difficult to tamper; and
- Inventory control number -- a unique number and barcode to verify that the card was issued to the cardholder.

"This is an exciting day for the citizens of Maryland and for all those who serve our state in a public safety capacity," said Lt. Colonel Anthony Satchell, Commander of the Field Operations Bureau of the Maryland State Police. "Together, we continue to improve efficiency, using enhanced technology and collaboration with our allied agencies to target criminal activity."

The new cards meet all state and federal standards and are REAL ID compliant, consistent with the current cards issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). Additionally, Veterans now have the opportunity to have the VETERAN designation appear on the front of their license or ID card. This is long overdue recognition for the dedicated men and women who bravely serve, and have served, the nation.

"I know first-hand how proud Maryland Veterans will be to finally have the Veteran designation on the front of the new secure card," said Veterans Affairs Secretary Owings. "I want to thank the Department of Transportation for putting this important designation out front for those who have protected this nation, out front!"

To further enhance safety and security, all new products will be printed and mailed from a high-security MVA facility. A similar central mailing process is used to deliver U.S. Passports, credit cards and other important documents. Currently, 40 percent of all Maryland driver's licenses and identification cards are mailed from a central MVA location. Printing and mailing cards from a central location enhances security by limiting access to card materials, equipment and personal information. More than 30 other states currently mail their driver's licenses and ID cards to customers.

Customers will receive their new cards in the U.S. mail within 7 to 10 business days. The MVA also offers the option to receive cards the next day through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). Because customers will receive their new card in the mail, officials strongly encourage Marylanders to ensure their correct address is on file at the MVA, which is consistent with Maryland law. The USPS does not forward MVA mail. Customers who need to update their address, should visit www.mva.maryland.gov and type "address change" in the search box.

MVA will begin issuing the new cards for all learner's permits and new ID cards, and for licenses/ID cards renewed via web, kiosk and U.S. mail starting June 20, 2016. Beginning July 11, 2016, everyone applying for a new driver's license, learner's permit or ID card will receive the new, more secure card. If a customer's current license or ID is valid and not up for renewal, there is nothing they need to do until it's time to renew.

After July 11, customers applying for the new driver's license, learner's permit or ID card will still visit an MVA office and go through the following steps:

- Bring any required documents;
- Take any tests required;
- Have photo taken; and
- Pay at this office.

At the end of the application process, customers will <u>keep their existing card</u> (if they have one) and receive an interim document (receipt), which is valid for 30 days. Customers will then receive their new card in the mail within 7-10 business days.

"As always, we encourage our customer to **Skip the Trip** and renew their driver's license or ID card via web, kiosk and mail," said MVA Administrator Nizer. "If they choose any of these easy methods, there is no change to the current process."

Whether at an MVA office or online, customers should keep their old card and receipt until their new secure card arrives in the mail within 7-10 business days. Once the new card arrives, customers are strongly encouraged to destroy their old card – just as they would an old credit card when the new one arrives in the mail.

The new cards proudly feature iconic Maryland symbols, including the Chesapeake blue crab, Oriole bird and the State House. Maryland's driver's license was last updated in 2003, and the old technology is vulnerable to counterfeiting and fraud. To learn more about the new driver's licenses and ID cards, visit the MVA website at www.mva.maryland.gov.

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NEW SECURE CARDS

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NEW SECURE CARD FEATURES

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is immediately recognized. driver's license or ID card so the holder's status important designation appear on the front of a Veterans now have the opportunity to have this

REAL ID Compliant

Meets state and federal regulations.

Changeable Laser Image

Feature that enables two or more images to occupy the same area.

Polycarbonate Card Body

More durable, secure and tamper-resistant card body.

Tactile Text

it difficult to tamper or modify. Laser engraving on the card raises the print making

Laser Engraving

manipulation and forgery. Provides maximum protection against data

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accompanying barcode to verify the card was A unique number and issued to you.

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barrier against fraud. on the back as another card holder is printed A full-color image of the



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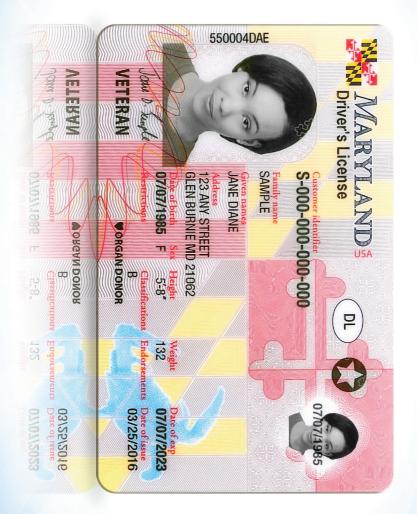
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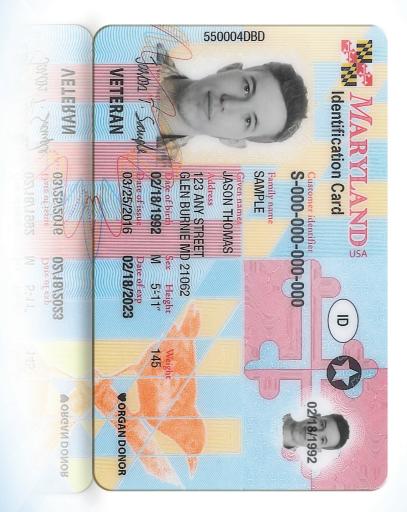
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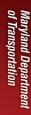
Driver's License





Identification Card





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