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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: New York DMV Launches Modernized Interim Driver License Document

On February 18, 2026, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will roll out the first segment of its new, modernized technology system. The new system includes a redesigned interim driver license document, which verifies driving status between the time a driver license is issued and when the driver receives the official license document.

The new interim license will be printed on standard 8 ½ " by 11" plain paper; the use of inventoried card stock will be discontinued. The information on the newly formatted interim document is the same as the information that was provided in previous formats. That information will be searchable immediately after issuance.

Enforcement will begin to see the new interim license document starting February 18, 2026. Please note that the interim document only verifies driving status; it is not, and has never been, proof of identity.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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