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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: Michigan Driver License and ID Card Changes

In late March 2011, the state of Michigan began issuing a newly redesigned standard driver license and standard personal identification card.

The new standard licenses and ID cards will have a design and color scheme similar to that of Michigan's enhanced driver licenses and IDs. Both the standard and enhanced driver licenses and ID cards will also have new security features. Please refer to the pictures of Michigan license and ID card samples and the list of features that is attached to this memo.

Existing Michigan driver licenses and ID cards will remain valid until their expiration date. A new redesigned license or ID will be issued when the existing license or ID is renewed or replaced. Existing licenses and ID cards will be phased out of circulation by 2015, with the exception of some vertical Graduated Driver Licenses, which will be in circulation until 2016.

If you have questions, visit the Michigan Secretary of State website at:  
**[www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos)**

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement officers. Thank you.

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## Michigan's New Driver's License and Personal Identification Card

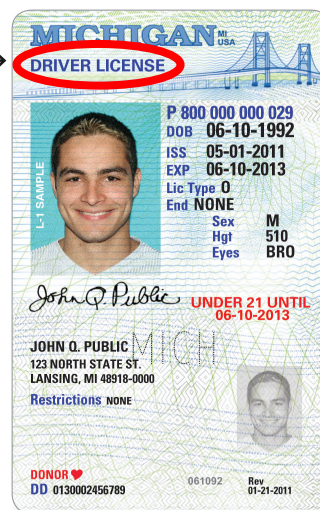
The Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be issuing a new version of its driver's license and state identification cards that is similar in design to the Enhanced Driver's License. Please note:

- Standard licenses and ID cards will have a new look and new security features.
- The new standard format will begin circulating in both the horizontal and vertical versions.
- Current licenses and IDs will be phased out of circulation by 2015. However, the current vertical Graduated Driver Licenses will be in circulation as late as 2016.
- Current licenses and ID cards will remain valid until their expiration dates. They will be reissued in the new format at renewal or if a replacement is needed.

For more information, please call the Michigan Secretary of State's Office at (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

Adult Format Driver's  
License and Personal ID Card

Younger Than 21  
Format Driver's License



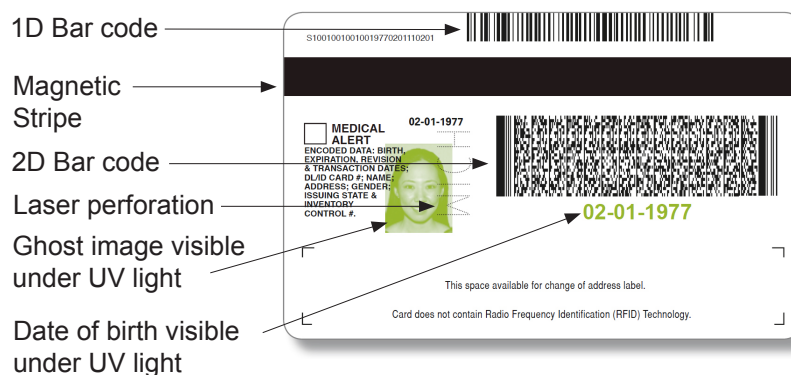
- Read the top of the card to verify the type of ID or license.
- Security features only apply to new standard licenses and ID cards, not older versions or enhanced licenses

*For additional security details, see reverse side.*

# Description of Features

- "Under 18 until MM-DD-YYYY" and "Under 21 until MM-DD-YYYY" will continue to be printed as applicable on the new cards.
- The front laminate of the cards includes the current full-color shape of a Great Seal, viewable using a standard off-the-shelf black light, and a new tri-color optically variable image of a bridge and the word "Michigan" that appears and disappears when viewed from different angles.
- The 2D bar code includes the cardholder's full legal name, date of birth, date of issue, expiration date, address, gender, driver's license or state ID number, issuing jurisdiction, card design revision date, and an inventory control number.
- The 1D bar code still has the cardholder's driver's license or state ID number, date of birth and expiration date. A two-digit manufacturing number is being added.
- The magnetic stripe has not changed. It has the driver's license or state ID number, date of birth and expiration date.
- The issue date now appears on the front of the of the new cards.
- The card also features the laser-perforated word "MICH," which can be viewed when held up to a light.
- The cardholder's photo and date of birth are on the back of the card, viewable under black light.

## Reverse of Card



## Front Laminate

