Purpose
To provide new information on the LIMITED-TERM banner issued on REAL ID driver license (DL) and identification (ID) cards to law enforcement.

Background
Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require DL/ID cards to be REAL ID compliant to use as identification to board domestic flights or enter military bases and most federal facilities. Federal law requires limited-term REAL ID DL/ID cards to clearly indicate on the face of the card and in the machine readable zone that the card is a limited-term DL/ID card.

New Information
Effective immediately, the Department of Motor Vehicles has begun issuing REAL ID DL/ID cards with the verbiage “LIMITED-TERM” printed on the front of the card and the machine readable zone (mag stripe and 2D bar code). This does not apply to Instruction Permits, Commercial Learner’s Permits, or temporary licenses.

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