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PennDOT's New Security Feature for Driver Licenses/IDs

This week, PennDOT began issuing driver licenses and identification cards statewide featuring a new laminate containing a new security feature. It is anticipated that all products issued to customers will contain the new security feature in four years.

With this roll out, all driver's license (DL) products, including photo identification (Photo ID) cards, will be outfitted with a new overlay and security feature which will aid in mitigating the risk of fraud. This is a subtle change that will not impact PennDOT's customers. The new overlay and security features have been communicated to law enforcement, as they need to be aware of the changes.

The new element on driver's licenses and photo IDs provides law enforcement and businesses, such as bars and banks, one additional way to spot a fake form of identification at a glance. The ability to quickly check the validity of an ID holds the potential to thwart illegal activities from identity theft to underage drinking - both potentially harmful, or in some cases, deadly acts.

The feature is designed to suppress the color spectrum "rainbow" of normal holography. The result is the striking effect of a black versus white hologram at high resolution. The black and white areas reverse when viewing angle is changed by 90 degrees and is visible in bright, moderate and low-light environments.

For more information and to view an image of the new security feature, please visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.state.pa.us, under the "Identity Security Information Center," or copy and paste the following web addresses into your internet browser:

<http://www.winstormdp.com/CMS/projects/PINS/index.php?emercialID=4001&preview=No&recipient=denbuterba@pa.gov>

<http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/idSecuriyCenter/isisSecurityFeature.shtml>

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