

## **ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSES EMAIL:**

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***Subject line:* GET TO KNOW MINNESOTA'S ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE & ID**

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Minnesota Enhanced Driver's Licenses and ID cards are fairly new, and people in the adult beverage business are still becoming familiar with the appearance and utility of these documents. As of July 11, 2014 the Driver and Vehicle Services Division had issued 2,601 enhanced driver's licenses and ID cards.

### **Recognize the Cards**

**A photo of the new cards is attached.**

Cards are the same size and shape of standard DLs or IDs, but more flexible, and the texture is slightly different. On the front, a multi-colored image of a loon appears below the surface as the viewing angle changes. A U.S. flag image, centered on the right, indicates an enhanced DL or ID card.

### **Why Enhanced?**

Each document serves its original purpose — but the enhanced licenses and ID cards denote both identity *and* citizenship. The citizenship information allows uncomplicated re-entry into the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean. No additional proof of identity is required.

Enhanced DLs and IDs are accepted by U.S. border patrol agents at land and sea entry ports, where agents can verify identity and citizenship through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology embedded in the card.

The radio frequency ID technology doesn't store personal information, but points to data in a Department of Homeland Security database. The technology only works within a certain distance of an RFID scanning device at an entry port.

### **Who Carries the New Cards?**

An applicant for a Minnesota EDL or EID must be a U.S. citizen, a Minnesota resident and at least 16 years old. The cards carry an additional \$15 fee and take two-to-four weeks to process. They're available at 14 DVS exam stations (listed on the DVS website).

More information about enhanced Minnesota driver's licenses and ID cards can be found at [dvs.dps.mn.gov](http://dvs.dps.mn.gov), or call 651-297-3298.

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