

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING: HOUSE BILL 1247 (D. MILLER) ELECTRONIC DRIVER'S LICENSES
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TESTIMONY OF KARA TEMPLETON, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DRIVER & VEHICLE SERVICES, PENNDOT

On behalf of Mike Carroll, Secretary of Transportation, I thank you for this opportunity to present to the Committee. I am Kara Templeton, Deputy Secretary for PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services; and I am pleased to join you today to discuss House Bill 1247 and the many benefits and conveniences afforded by mobile driver licenses and identification cards. We appreciate the General Assembly's foresight and proactivity in this regard, and we look forward to working collaboratively toward this common goal.

We can agree that mobile driver licenses and identification cards provide consumers an alternative means of identification via their phone, tablet, or other smart device. We also appreciate that not all individuals are comfortable with this technology and its use. As we explore options and best practices, we must ensure that our mobile products afford interoperability and security.

The International Organization of Standards (ISO) has established international standards to ensure the security and interoperability of mobile products. Additionally, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) has issued technical and best practice guidelines to assist jurisdictions, like Pennsylvania, implementing safe mobile driver license and ID card solutions. Together, these standards and procedures provide a trusted framework for Departments to issue a mobile product that protects users and promotes interoperability, allowing our Pennsylvania mobile products to be accepted in other jurisdictions and countries. These demonstrated standards and guidelines focus on the integrity, security, and privacy of the driver license and ID card data, while ensuring a holder may consent to the mobile product data that is shared, when it is shared, and with whom it is shared. A mobile product provides additional protections by allowing the user to determine what data is shared for any specific purpose. For example, when age verification is needed for the purchase of alcohol, the mobile product holder may release only the information required to meet the age requirement (date of birth), without divulging other unnecessary details, such as address, height, or additional information visible on the hard copy of a license or ID card. By limiting, controlling the availability of data granted to individuals who are checking credentials, a customer can help mitigate fraud and possible attempts to access personally identifiable information.

PennDOT supports House Bill 1247, with amendments. We welcome opportunities to work with Representative Miller and the Committee to offer suggestions that clarify definitions and provide additional supportive language addressing mobile product fees, data privacy, and the verification process of mobile product data. To implement HB 1247, PennDOT will have to partner with the Pennsylvania State Police, the Office of Administration, and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for the development and implementation of the mobile driver license and ID card solution system. This planning period includes the procurement process time required to issue a Request For Proposal to identify a third-party provider. We look forward to working with the Legislature to establish a judicious implementation timeline to accomplish this worthy goal.