Mobile Driver License Status and Citations

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators is both the standards body for digital licenses and the support association for DL administrators. See <http://www.aamva.org/Mobile-Drivers-License/>

The topic of “putting a driver’s license on a cellphone” has enjoyed much attention in the press recently. Various initiatives are being undertaken in this area. At this time most appear to be proof-of-concept or exploratory in nature. Interest is being expressed by a variety of stakeholders, including driver license administrators, legislators, vendors, and the general public.

To respond to this growing interest in Mobile Driver Licenses/Identification Cards (mDL) AAMVA has brought together the [**Card Design Standard (CDS) Committee**](http://www.aamva.org/Card-Design-Standards-Committee/), and the [**Electronic Identity Working Group (eID WG).**](NULL) The CDS Committee is responsible for enhancing interoperability between issuing authorities in respect of, among other things, driver’s licenses – as seen through the [**DL/ID standard.**](http://www.aamva.org/DL-ID-Card-Design-Standard/) The CDS committee also strives to present the AAMVA community’s point of view within other organizations, including standards organizations.The eID WG has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity credential standards, and to recommend standards to the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity. In wanting to further flesh out their work and to show how eID concepts can be operationalized, the working group is now assisting with the standardization guidance for an mDL.

A starting point was to address the “what” an mDL needs to do – this has been addressed by the "[**Mobile Driver's License Functional Needs Whitepaper.**](http://www.aamva.org/mDLWhitepaper_0_7/)" A White Paper states requirements, but also formulates questions (without providing answers) on issues that require further investigation, analysis and discussion. The functional needs document is by no means the definitive and final word on mDL functional requirements. It is fully recognized that this topic will likely see significant growth in the months and years to come. Consequently this document intends to serve as a basis for further discussion, investigation and research.

Visit the **[mDL Resources / Documentation](http://www.aamva.org/mDL-Resources/%22%20%5Co%20%22mDL%20Resources)** page where you can download the whitepaper and other mDL resource documentation.

Some popular press on the topic: <https://www.cnet.com/news/your-future-drivers-license-could-go-digital/>

A software development company called **[MorphoTrust](http://www.morphotrust.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** is working toward a digital driver's license app and is collaborating with Iowa and Delaware on their pilot programs. It already provides driver's licensing systems to the DMVs in 42 states, and began thinking about digital versions of the driver's license a couple of years ago.

In January, the Delaware House of Representatives [**passed a resolution**](http://www.legis.delaware.gov/LIS/LIS148.NSF/vwLegislation/SCR%2B4?Opendocument) asking the DMV there "to study and consider issuing optional digital driver's licenses for Delaware motorists." A pilot program is in the works for this year in which DMV employees would try out carrying and using digital licenses.

A similar pilot program will kick off this year in Iowa that would also tap DMV employees and their smartphones to serve as test subjects. Local businesses and retailers would be in on the pilot.

In California, San Fernando Valley [**Assemblyman Matt Dababneh**](http://asmdc.org/members/a45/news-room/press-releases/digital-driver-license-bill-introduced-in-california-state-assembly) in February introduced [**a bill**](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0201-0250/ab_221_bill_20150203_introduced.html)that would let the DMV develop a smartphone app for a digital driver's license. Other states looking into the technology include [**Arizona**](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/52leg/1r/bills/sb1237p.pdf) and [**New Jersey**](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/S3000/2695_S1.HTM).

<https://www.cnet.com/au/news/nsw-government-proposes-digital-drivers-licenses-for-smartphones/>

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