

# Bulletin

**Date:** December 16, 2021  
**To:** Law Enforcement Agencies  
**From:** MDOT MVA  
**RE: NEW: MD ID Number** to gradually replace traditional Soundex Identification Number effective December 5, 2021

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) is reaching out to remind all Law Enforcement Agencies that effective December 5, 2021, the Maryland Driver's License/ID identification number a.k.a. Soundex will be phased out over the next few years. In its place will be the MD ID. The unique identification will begin with MD and include 13 characters. The MD ID is a randomly generated number that will provide enhanced security and protection of personal information for customers. This replaces the number that traditionally started with the first initial of a customer's last name.

MDOT MVA began issuing the new MD ID in early December. A customer will receive the new MD ID the next time they renewal or replace their current license. Customers with this new MD ID have a legitimate product issued by MDOT MVA.

## Soundex:



## MD ID:

