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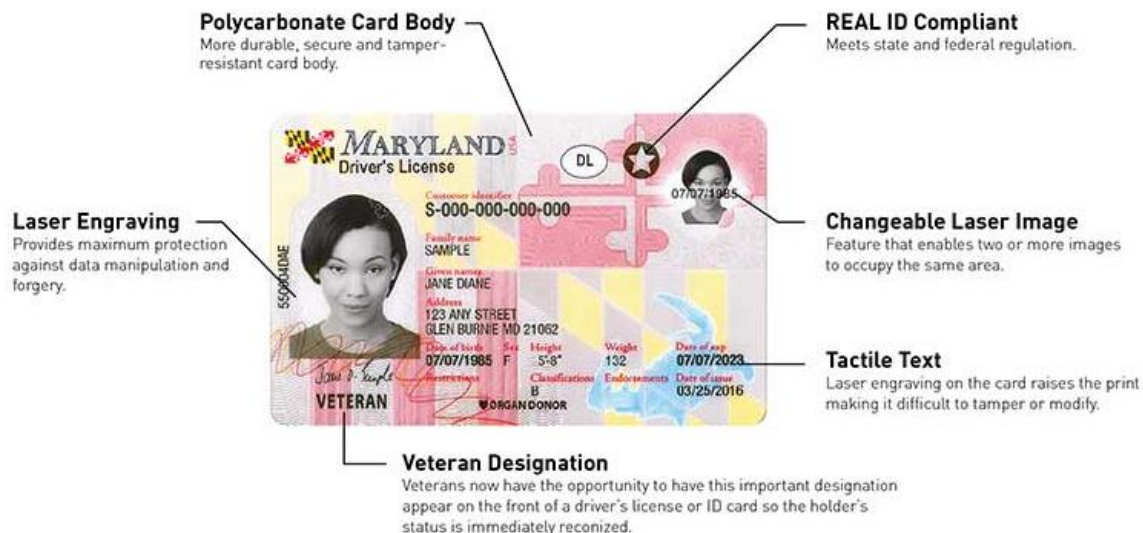
Gemalto wins ICMA Élan Award in Card Manufacturing Excellence for Maryland's secure polycarbonate driver's license

Austin – May 24, 2017, Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), the world leader in digital security, has received the Élan Award for Card Manufacturing Excellence for its newly implemented [Maryland's driver's license](#) and identification card. The award, presented by the International Card Manufacturers Association (ICMA), honors innovative card manufacturers, personalizers, issuers and suppliers that support a commitment to design quality, technical innovation and the future of the global card industry.

About Maryland's new credential

As part of the complete solution, Gemalto provides an innovative new look to the DL/ID card with unique, specially printed homages to Maryland's culture such as the state flag, the blue crab of the Chesapeake, and the Baltimore Oriole, the official state bird.

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration also selected [polycarbonate](#) as the material of choice for state-of-the-art security features to protect against identity fraud, including laser-engraving, enhanced tactile effects, and a fused inner structure that makes replication or tampering virtually impossible. Law Enforcement prefers the feel of tactile elements such as the Botany Cross repeated on the face of Maryland's new driver's license.



The importance of a secure driver's license in the United States

Serving as a de facto ID document for many Americans, the driver's license can be used in many states to buy firearms, open a bank account or travel on domestic flights. Therefore, states require a solution that is secure, reliable and affordable while also tailored to meet individual state requirements.

In identity documents, polycarbonate makes it possible to incorporate a significant number of additional security features inside the document similar in effect to watermarks on bank notes. A polycarbonate identity document is created by fusing together multiple layers of polycarbonate in a glue-free process, using temperature and pressure to ensure the upmost security and a 10-year card life.

[Security features](#) are even more necessary to provide a seamless and protected experience since the passing of the REAL ID Act in 2016. For example, starting in January 22, 2018, citizens with a state driver's license not yet compliant will need to show an alternative form of identification for domestic air travel. Luckily, Maryland citizens won't need to worry. The star in the upper left-hand corner of their card proves REAL ID compliance and will allow them to use their driver's licenses or identification cards as usual.

Executive Comments:

"We are very proud of the Élan Award in Card Manufacturing Excellence recognition of the high level of security we are providing to Maryland residents through our driver's license and identification cards. We appreciate our working relationship with Gemalto in this important service for all Maryland residents."

- Christine Nizer, Maryland MVA Administrator

"Concerns about identity fraud and counterfeiting are driving many states to upgrade their DMV issued cards. The Maryland credential – with advanced security and personalization features – is a great model with which to drive additional industry adoption."

- Steve Purdy, Vice President of State DMV Programs for North America, Gemalto

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO) is the global leader in [digital security](#), with 2016 annual revenues of €3.1 billion and customers in over 180 countries. We bring trust to an increasingly connected world.

Our technologies and services enable businesses and governments to authenticate identities and protect data so they stay safe and enable services in personal devices, connected objects, the cloud and in between.

Gemalto's solutions are at the heart of modern life, from payment to enterprise security and the internet of things. We authenticate people, transactions and objects, encrypt data and create value for software – enabling our clients to deliver secure digital services for billions of individuals and things.

Our 15,000+ employees operate out of 112 offices, 43 personalization and data centers, and 30 research and software development centers located in 48 countries.

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