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Florida GrandDriver® Press Release  
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Dear Editor:

I want to thank your reader, Mr. Edward S. Yambor of Fort Pierce, for calling attention to a matter of great importance to Florida's senior population. In his letter to the editor (*Former Drivers' Need Photo ID*, September 19, 2005), Mr. Yambor writes about the need for the government to issue senior citizens an identification card when they no longer are in need of a driver license.

Currently, seniors interested in obtaining an ID card can apply for one through the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for a \$3 fee.

In addition, DHSMV, in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, AARP and AAAuto South, has a new program which deals with this very issue. Florida GrandDriver® promotes the concept of having both an identification card and a driver license as prescribed by Florida law.

While identification cards serve many purposes, the DHSMV encourages senior pedestrians to carry a Florida Identification Card at all times, especially when they are out for a stroll or exercising to keep healthy. Our Florida Highway Patrol officers, local EMTs, and police agencies quite often respond to emergency situations involving seniors where the lack of an identification card/driver license causes confusion and prevents their ability to quickly make contact with family members or friends of the senior. Also, these cards serve our seniors as they go about daily business transactions at banks, government agencies, and health care needs. Florida law allows for individuals 60 years of age or older to be issued a permanent identification card.

We believe that our efforts through the Florida GrandDriver® program will begin to address the concerns of Florida seniors who no longer drive and are still in need of identification. DHSMV and its' partners will be participating in events in local communities throughout the state, offering Florida Identification Card issuance services to all seniors.



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