

# **Driver License Fraud: Strategy for Reducing the Impact on Florida**

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Driver license fraud is not new to Florida. Criminals create new identities to commit criminal activities. The document most used to create this new identity is the driver license. It is estimated that driver license fraud costs Florida millions of dollars annually. This study was done to determine how much of a problem driver license fraud is for Florida. Additionally, this study seeks to identify the technological resources available to aid in combating driver license fraud.

A survey of Division of Driver License regional administrators and Florida Highway Patrol investigators was conducted. It was found that detecting and deterring crimes of fraud is difficult due to false identification. Other criminal activities are a spin-off of driver license fraud. These issues make driver license fraud a major problem for Florida. The study concludes that advanced technology is available to combat driver license fraud. However, the system is still dependent upon the skill of the examiner in identifying fraudulent documents.