



## ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

# *Mobile IDs for Licensees*

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

@ILSecofState is making age verification more convenient and secure. Businesses can now choose to accept Mobile IDs as a form of identification and age verification under the steps identified by the App and outlined by the Illinois Secretary of State.

## What Is Mobile ID?

Mobile ID is an optional digital version of your Illinois driver's license or state ID which can be added to a phone's digital wallet. It allows you to verify your identity without having to hand over your physical card or device.

## Where Can It Be Used?

You can use Mobile ID at:

- TSA checkpoints in Illinois and at 250+ airports nationwide.
- Participating stadiums, restaurants, bars, and businesses with acceptable Mobile ID readers.

## FAQ'S

### **Do I need to carry my physical license?**

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Yes, you must always carry a physical copy of your ID. TSA accepts mobile IDs at participating checkpoints, but if it cannot be verified, you need to present a physical, acceptable form of identification. Illinois residents can add their driver's license or state ID to their phone's digital wallet, but they are still required by law to carry the physical card when operating a vehicle.



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**As a bar or restaurant owner, do we have to accept Mobile IDs?**

No. There is no mandate. Accepting a Mobile ID is optional.

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**Is it legal to sell alcohol to a customer that only provides a Mobile ID?**

Yes, under the condition that the licensee is using an Illinois Mobile ID Check App to verify that the Mobile ID is valid.

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**Can bars, restaurants or music venues decide to only accept Mobile IDs?**

No. If a licensee accepts Mobile IDs, Illinois Secretary of State rules require that a licensee provide a customer with the option to present their physical ID.

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**Can you access Mobile IDs on an Android?**

No. Mobile IDs have not been released for Android products.

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**If I decide to accept Mobile IDs as a valid form of identification, what device or software will I need?**

The ILCC doesn't promote specific devices or software. However, please refer to some options offered in the ILCC press release found at [ILCC.illinois.gov](https://ilcc.illinois.gov).

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**Has any official guidance, policy, or training material been issued for bars and restaurants regarding acceptance of Mobile IDs?**

Yes. While the ILCC will provide information based on the needs of our licensees, anyone can contact the Illinois Secretary of State at [MobileIDCheck@ilsos.gov](mailto:MobileIDCheck@ilsos.gov) for all information, policies, and training.