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## **Atlas to ALARS violation SDIP Point Mismatches**

The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify the effects of recent changes in the technology platform that supports Massachusetts' new driver licensing process.

On 3/26/2018, the Registry of Motor Vehicles implemented a new technology platform to support its new driver licensing process. As part of this technology upgrade, 1500+ violation codes on the current platform were standardized with both the national standards and the standard violation table used by the Massachusetts Court System. This resulted in some consolidation of the types of violations recorded and, in a small number of cases, resulted in a change to the licensing points assigned to past traffic violations. The changes to licensing points shall apply prospectively and will not retroactively impact an operator's driving privileges or insurance premiums.

The implications for operators with traffic violations that have new license point assignments under the new licensing system are described below.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles will continue to administer driving privileges using the operating procedures authorized by Massachusetts statute and regulation. Driving privileges are based on license points accumulated over the previous 6 years. The changes made to the licensing points as a result of the system upgrade will not retroactively affect an operator's driving privileges.

The Merit Rating Board will continue to report traffic violation points to insurance companies and other consumer reporting agencies using the operating procedures authorized by Massachusetts statutes and regulations. The revised licensing points will not be retroactively applied or affect an operator's past merit rating point assignments. The Merit Rating Board will incorporate the new licensing point assignments for traffic violations that occurred within the six years prior to the effective date of the operator's insurance policy in response to an insurer's request for such records that are received on or after 3/26/2018. An insurer shall use this information to compute future insurance policy premiums in accordance with the merit rating plan it has on file with the Division of Insurance. No insurer shall use merit points obtained from the Merit Rating Board to retroactively adjust premiums for policies based solely on the changes to these violations.

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