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Driver's License Changes after LASIK

Following LASIK, the majority of our patients no longer require glasses or contact lenses for driving. If you have a restriction on your driver's license that requires the wearing of glasses or contact lenses you must return to the Department of Public Safety office to remove the restriction.

We have contacted the Department of Public Safety concerning the proper protocol for LASIK patients – i.e. what the patient should do following LASIK to avoid receiving a traffic citation for driving with a driver's license containing a glasses / contact lens restriction. The DPS advised that each LASIK patient must go back to the DPS office and retake the DPS vision test post-LASIK to get the restriction removed from their license. There is a fee for the duplicate license. A letter / memo from the surgeon or the post-op optometrist is not sufficient and will not prevent a patient from receiving a ticket.

Should you have any questions concerning the removal of your driver's license restriction, please contact your local DPS office.