Governor Stitt Signs Executive Order to Expedite Renewals of Driver's Licenses, IDs

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Governor Kevin Stitt today signed Executive Order 2021-05 directing the Department of Public Safety to expedite renewals or replacements of valid driver licenses and identification. Specifically, the executive order will waive restrictions on tag agents to make it easier to obtain a driver's license renewal, allow Oklahomans to obtain identification if a REAL ID is not available, allow Oklahomans to obtain a downgraded license, if necessary, and allow third parties to administer driver's license examinations.

"The COVID pandemic has negatively affected so many of our normal processes, including renewing driver licenses and identification," said Gov. Stitt. **"No Oklahoman should have to wait months to obtain an ID or take a day off work to renew their license. I'm proud to sign this executive order today to help Oklahomans and eliminate the long wait times."**

"The Department of Public Safety understands and shares the public's frustration with driver license service and is working around the clock on critical improvements," said DPS Commissioner John Scully. **"In those efforts, DPS recently identified steps that can be taken by the governor and the Legislature that will improve delivery of driver license services. DPS is thankful for the eager willingness of Governor Stitt and a bipartisan group of lawmakers to act on the Department's recommendations. Now that Governor Stitt has issued the executive order, DPS will implement the planned changes quickly."**

“I appreciate the governor fast-tracking this executive order to get a solution for people seeking or renewing their driver’s licenses,” said Rep. Ross Ford, R-Broken Arrow. **“Many people have been waiting for this change, and I’m glad to see some relief in this area.”**

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