COLORADO
Governor Jared Polis

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. §24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering the temporary suspension of certain regulatory statutes due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020.

My administration, along with other state, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 has necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

This Executive Order temporarily suspends certain regulatory statutes due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado.

II. Directives

A. I temporarily suspend the enforcement of the statutory license limitations in C.R.S. §§ 44-3-301(3)(a), 44-3-901(1)(g), 44-3-901(10), and 44-4-107(6) to allow retailers licensed for on-premises alcohol consumption to sell, deliver, or provide for takeout of sealed alcohol beverages if the customer, who is over twenty-one (21) years old, also purchases food, for a period of thirty (30) days until April 18, 2020. I also temporarily suspend the enforcement of the statutory license limitations in C.R.S. §§ 44-3-301(3)(a), 44-3-901(1)(g), and 44-3-901(10) for breweries operating an approved sales room to sell, deliver, or provide for takeout of sealed containers of malt liquor, if the customer is over twenty-one (21) years old, for a period of thirty (30) days until April 18, 2020.

B. I temporarily suspend C.R.S. § 25-1.5-106(2)(a.5)(I), which requires an appropriate personal physical examination for the issuance of medical marijuana cards, for a period of thirty (30) days until April 18, 2020, to prevent exposure of COVID-19 among medical professionals and medical marijuana patients.

C. I temporarily suspend the prohibition on retail marijuana store online sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products in C.R.S. § 44-10-601(7)(c) to facilitate pick up by consumers twenty-one (21) years of age and older in a manner consistent with social-distancing guidelines promulgated by CDPHE, for a period of thirty (30) days until April 18, 2020.

D. I temporarily suspend the vehicle gross weight provisions of C.R.S. § 42-4-508(1)(c) for vehicles weighing 80,001 pounds to 84,999 pounds, to ensure the delivery of emergency goods and services to their destination in a safe and efficient manner for a period of thirty (30) days until April 18, 2020.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from March 20, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twentieth day of March, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor