State of New York

Executive Chamber

No. 202.15

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to be continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through May 9, 2020 the following:

- Paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 5-6.12 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, governing bottled or bulk water products sold or distributed in New York, to allow bottled and bulk water product facilities currently certified in in New York to temporarily, if their stock of regularly used labels has been depleted, distribute bottled or bulk water products without an assigned New York State Department of Health certificate number shown on the product label and use labels authorized in any other state. Once labels showing the assigned certificate number have been obtained, their use must be resumed;

- Section 6808 of the Education Law and any regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent necessary to permit a manufacturer, repacker, or wholesaler of prescription drugs or devices, physically located outside of New York and not registered in New York, but licensed and/or registered in any other state, may deliver into New York, prescription drugs or devices;

- Section 6808 of the Education Law, Article 137 of the NYCRR to the extent necessary to allow that a New York-licensed pharmacy may receive drugs and medical supplies or devices from an unlicensed pharmacy, wholesaler, or third-party logistics provider located in another state to alleviate a temporary shortage of a drug or device that could result in the denial of health care under the following conditions:
    - The unlicensed location is appropriately licensed in its home state, and documentation of the license verification can be maintained by the New York pharmacy.
    - The pharmacy maintains documentation of the temporary shortage of any drug or device received from any pharmacy, wholesaler, or third-party logistics provider not licensed in New York.
    - The pharmacy complies with all record-keeping requirements for each drug and device received from any pharmacy, wholesaler, or third-party logistics provider not licensed in New York.
    - All documentation and records required above shall be maintained and readily retrievable for three years following the end of the declared emergency.
    - The drug or device was produced by an authorized FDA registered drug manufacturer;

- Sections 6512 through 6516, and 6524 of the Education Law and Part 60 of Title 8 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow individuals, who graduated from registered or accredited medical programs located in New York State in 2020, to practice medicine in New York State, without the need to obtain a license and without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure, provided that the practice of medicine by such graduates shall in all cases be supervised by a physician licensed and registered to practice medicine in the State of New York;

- Subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (b) and paragraph (c) of subdivision (4) of section 2801-a of the Public Health Law, and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) and paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of section 3611-a of the Public Health Law, to the extent necessary to limit the Department of Health's review functions to essential matters during the pendency of the COVID-19 health crisis, and to toll any statutory time limits for transfer notices pertaining to operators of Article 28 and Article 36 licensed entities for the duration of this declaration of disaster emergency, and any subsequent continuation thereof;

- Sections 43 and 45 of the Religious Corporations Law to the extent necessary to allow Protestant Episcopal parishes to postpone any annual election and notice to the parish of such election during the state disaster emergency absent formal resolution and ratification by meeting;

- Environmental Conservation Law Articles 3, 8, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 33, 34, 35, 37, and 75, and 6 NYCRR Parts 552 , 550, 601, and 609 to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that public hearings are required, provided that public comments shall still be accepted either electronically or by mail, to satisfy public participation requirements;

- State Administrative Procedures Act Section 202(2)(a) to the extent necessary to extend the expiration date of notices of proposed rulemakings until 90 calendar days after this Executive Order, as it may be continued, terminates;

- Environmental Conservation Law Article 70, as implemented by 6 NYCRR Parts 621 and 624, and Environmental Conservation Law Article 17, as implemented by 6 NYCRR Parts 704 and 750 for processing permit applications, to the extent necessary to suspend public hearings provided that public comments may be accepted as written submissions, either electronically or by mail, or that any required appearances may be done so by teleconferencing or other electronic means;

- 6 NYCRR Part 375 and Environmental Conservation Law Article 27 to the extent necessary to suspend for the duration of this Executive Order public meetings prior to a selection of a final remedy at inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and public meetings at certain brownfield cleanup program sites, provided that written comments on proposed remedies may be continue to be submitted and will be evaluated in remedial decision;

- Section 3635 of the Education law, to the extent necessary to delay the April 1 requirement that parents must file transportation requests with their school district in order to obtain transportation for their children for the following school year;

- Sections 6512 through 6516 and 8510 of the Education Law and 8 NYCRR Subpart 79-4 to the extent necessary to allow respiratory therapy technicians licensed and in current good standing in any state in the United States to practice in New York State without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure;

- Sections 6512 through 6516, 8402, 8403, 8404, 8405 of the Education Law and 8 NYCRR Sub Parts 79-9, 79-10, 79-11 and 79-12 to the extent necessary to allow mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, creative arts therapists and psychanalysts licensed and in current good standing in any state in the United States to practice in New York State without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure;

- Sections 3400, 3420 through 3423, and 3450 through 3457 of the Public Health Law, to the extent necessary to permit funeral directors licensed and in good standing in any state or territory of the United States to practice as a funeral director in New York State upon the approval of, and pursuant to such conditions as may be imposed by, the Commissioner of Health, without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure in New York State, provided that such funeral director shall practice under the supervision of a funeral director licensed and registered in New York State;

- Section 3428 of the Public Health Law to the extent necessary to permit a funeral director licensed in New York State, but not registered in New York State, to practice in New York State upon the approval of, and pursuant to such conditions as may be imposed by, the Commissioner of Health, without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of registration in New York State,

provided that such funeral director shall practice under the supervision of a funeral director licensed and registered in New York State;

- Section 1517 of the Not for Profit Corporation Law, Sections 203.3, 203.6 and 203.13 of Title 19 of the NYCRR and Section 77.7(a)(1) of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow persons deputized by the Commissioner of Health to be agents authorized by a funeral director or undertaker to be present and personally supervise and arrange for removal or transfer of each dead human body;

- Section 1517 of the Not for Profit Corporation Law, Sections 203.3, 203.6 and 203.13 of Title 19 of the NYCRR and Section 77.7(a)(4) of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow persons deputized by the Commissioner of Health to be agents authorized by a funeral director or undertaker, or a county coroner, coroner physician and/or medical director for those deceased human bodies within their supervision, to personally supervise and arrange the delivery of a deceased person to the cemetery, crematory or a common carrier, with a copy of the filed death certificate;

- Sections 4140 and 4144 of the Public Health Law, Sections 1502, 1517 of the Not for Profit Corporation Law and Sections 203.1, 203.4, 203.8 and 203.13 of Title 19 of the NYCRR and Section 13.1 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit the State Registrar to register death certificates and issue burial and removal permits, upon the request of a local registrar and upon approval of the Commissioner of Health;

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to issue any directive during a disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster, I hereby issue the following directives for the period from the date of this Executive Order through May 9, 2020:

- Any local official, state official or local government or school, which, by virtue of any law has a public hearing scheduled or otherwise required to take place in April or May of 2020 shall be postponed, until June 1, 2020, without prejudice, however such hearing may continue if the convening public body or official is able to hold the public hearing remotely, through use of telephone conference, video conference, and/or other similar service.

- For the period from the date of this Executive Order through May 9, 2020, the Department of Taxation and Finance is authorized to accept digital signatures in lieu of handwritten signatures on documents related to the determination or collection of tax liability. The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall determine which documents this directive shall apply to and shall further define the requirements for accepted digital signatures.

- Section 8-400 of the Election Law is temporarily suspended and hereby modified to provide that due to the prevalence and community spread of COVID-19, an absentee ballot can be granted based on temporary illness and shall include the potential for contraction of the COVID-19 virus for any election held on or before June 23, 2020.

- Solely for any election held on or before June 23, 2020, Section 8-400 of the Election Law is hereby modified to allow for electronic application, with no requirement for in-person signature or appearance to be able to access an absentee ballot.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this ninth day of April in the year two thousand twenty.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor