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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING AND EXTENDING
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-41, 20-41.1, 20-41.2, 20-41.3, and 20-41.4

20-41.5
Department of Licensing – License and Permit Renewal Extension

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-57, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by waiving and suspending specified laws; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, the response to and impacts of the COVID-19 State of Emergency on many state agencies continues to significantly impact their ability to adequately staff and supply various administrative and operational activities, including the ability of the Washington State Department of Licensing to meet the demand for driver license and driver instruction permit renewal and application; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of disease transmission to Department of Licensing employees and members of the public visiting its offices, on April 3, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-41 waiving and suspending statutes necessary to temporarily extend the renewal date of personal and commercial driver licenses; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-41 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 9, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 9, 2020, in Proclamation 20-41.1; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-41 et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, in Proclamation 20-41.2; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-41 et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, in Proclamation 20-41.3; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-41 et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, in Proclamation 20-41.4; and

WHEREAS, approximately 21,500 driver instructional permits will expire in the next 90-day period and many will need to be renewed or extended, placing significant demand on the limited available resources of the Department of Licensing; and

WHEREAS, to assist the Department of Licensing to serve persons with or needing drivers instructional permits while reducing the risk of disease transmission to its employees and members of the public visiting its offices, it is necessary to waive and suspend certain statutory provisions that will allow it to temporarily extend the expiration of driver instructional permits; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamations 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect, and that Proclamations 20-41 et seq., are amended to recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I also find that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, strict compliance with the following statutory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay action that is necessary to maintain the provision of essential Department of Licensing services to the public and further reduce the risk of disease transmission to its employees and members of the public visiting its offices by temporarily extending the validity period of driver instructional permits and by temporarily waiving the requirement for in-person signatures, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as noted until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

- RCW 46.20.055(4), the following language only: “for one year”
- RCW 46.20.055(4)(a) - (c)
- RCW 46.20.091(2), the following language only: “before a person authorized to administer oaths”.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented throughout State government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 19th day of June, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State