STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2020-9
(supersedes and replaces Executive Order 2020-4)

SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN STATUTES AND RULES RELATED TO DRIVER LICENSES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about December 31, 2019, a new and significant outbreak of pneumonia with an unknown source was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province China. The cause associated with these cases was linked to a novel coronavirus disease later named COVID-19. Since the initial detection in China, COVID-19 has spread worldwide; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I, Governor Mark Gordon issued a Declaration of a State Emergency and Public Health Emergency (Executive Order 2020-2); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer issued an order explaining that stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes the practicing of social distancing by avoiding close contact with others and staying at least six (6) feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, with such explanation continuing to apply in the State Health Officer's orders which are presently in effect; and

WHEREAS, as of July 27, 2020, more than 2,000 individuals within the State of Wyoming have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-7-114, the Wyoming Department of Transportation is required to examine every applicant for a driver license and instructional permit; and **WHEREAS,** the administration of driver licensing presents multiple obstacles to assure appropriate social distancing through process and procedure or requirements. Driving tests require people to share a confined space for an extended period and increase the risk of COVID-19 spread; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Wyoming, particularly Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 19-13-104, confer upon the Governor of the State of Wyoming the authority and responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Wyoming Homeland Security Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby grant temporary relief from certain requirements related to driver licensing in response to COVID-19, I accordingly order the following:

1. The Department of Transportation Director, or his designee, shall allow a one hundred eighty (180) day grace period from the expiration date of Wyoming licenses and identification cards expiring between March 15, 2020, and September 30, 2020, to reduce the burden on members of the public and to limit interaction with state employees and governmental offices. The driver license and identification card expiration dates are set forth in Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 31-7-110, 31-7-115(b), 31-7-119(a) and 31-8-103(a), and Department of Transportation Rules, Chapter 1, Driver's Licenses and Motor Vehicle Safety, §§ 4(h) and 9(c). Late fees associated with expired driver licenses and identification cards related to this grace period will be waived at time of renewal.

2. The Department of Transportation Director, or his designee, during the public health emergency, is authorized to modify or reduce the number of examinations, as required under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-7-114(c), as appropriate based upon available resources.

Be it further ordered, the Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time it is rescinded or the extensions have expired.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and rescinds and replaces Executive Order 2020-4.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 28th day of July 2020.

Mark Gordon
Governor

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