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STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 50

AN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND RESPOND TO CONTINUING EFFECTS OF COVID-19 BY EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 36 & 38 (AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 49)

WHEREAS, each Tennessean should continue to protect themselves and others by following applicable health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical experts to slow the spread of this virus, including practicing social distancing, effective personal hygiene practices, and other measures to contain Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a threat to our citizens, our healthcare systems, and our economy, requiring ongoing regulatory flexibility to cope with continuing effects and risks due to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides, among other things, that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with an emergency, utilize all available state and local resources needed to combat an emergency, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the ongoing effects of the emergency resulting from COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a continuing state of emergency and major disaster in order to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and accordingly order the extension of the provisions of Executive Order No. 36 and Executive Order No. 38, as amended by Executive Order No. 49, subject to minor amendments

reflected below, until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, and, to implement this extension, more specifically order the following:

Effective at 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, Paragraph Nos. 7.4 and 41 of Executive Order No. 36, dated May 12, 2020, are hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

7.4 In-person and live continuing education requirements are suspended for health care professionals. The provisions of the rules and policies adopted pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, regarding continuing education credits and hours for health care professionals are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that any continuing education credits and hours be obtained in-person or at a live event for credit and hours earned from March 12, 2020, through the expiration of this Order. Such rules and policies are further suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Commissioner of Health to adopt policies necessary to comply with the suspension of in-person and live continuing education requirements, and the Commissioner of Health is hereby directed to adopt policies to that effect. Nothing in this provision suspends the requirements that health care professionals obtain a certain number of continuing education credits or hours.

41. Term and effective date. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.

Effective at 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, Paragraph No. 17 of Executive Order No. 38, dated May 22, 2020, is hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

17. Term and effective date. This Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.

The provisions of Executive Order No. 49 amending Executive Order Nos. 36 and 38 remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 29th day of June, 2020.

Bill Lee

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

The Hargett by Mary Beth Thomas

SECRETARY OF STATE