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ORDER EXTENDING THE REGISTRATIONS OF CERTAIN LICENSED PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19");

WHEREAS, on March 11, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, the number of presumptive positive and confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to rise in the Commonwealth. As of March 17, 2020, 218 cases of COVID-19 were reported by the Department of Public Health, with 10 of the 14 counties in the Commonwealth impacted;

WHEREAS, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies, including the cancellation of large events;

WHEREAS, thousands of professional and occupational licenses and certificates of registration issued by the Commonwealth, its agencies, and its boards of professional licensure are renewed each month on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, the escalating COVID-19 public health emergency likely will make it difficult for licensed professionals to renew or satisfy certain requirements for renewal of their licenses or certificates during the state of emergency;

WHEREAS, licensed professionals provide significant services within the Commonwealth, and the unavailability of licensed professionals would hamper the recovery of the Commonwealth's economy; and

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise any and all authority over persons and property necessary or expedient for meeting a state of emergency, including the

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authority to modify of the terms and conditions of licenses, permits, or certificates of registration issued by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies or political subdivisions;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) **Extension of Registrations:** Any occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration issued by a state agency or any board of registration or division with licensing authority within a state agency to an individual person not already covered by

a. the March 17, 2020 Order Extending the Registration of Certain Licensed Health Care Professionals,
b. the March 17, 2020 Order Expanding Access to Physician Services, or
c. the March 15, 2020 Order Authorizing the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to Temporarily Extend Licenses, Permits, and Other Identification Cards

that is in good standing as of the date of this Order and that has expired or will expire during the state of emergency, is hereby extended and shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency.

(2) For purposes of this Order, a "state agency" shall include an executive office listed in Section 2 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, or a state agency, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, that reports to or is otherwise located within an executive office listed in Section 2 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws.

(3) For purposes of this Order "in good standing" shall include a registration that is subject to probation or non-disciplinary conditions, but shall not include a license that is revoked, cancelled, surrendered, suspended, or subject to disciplinary restrictions.

(4) Nothing in this Order shall prevent any secretariat, agency, or board with licensing authority from exercising its statutory and regulatory enforcement authority during the state of emergency.

The head of every secretariat, agency, and division that issues professional licenses, certificates or registrations, as well as every Commonwealth board of registration and examination, is directed forthwith to issue guidance, subject to my approval, to implement the terms of this Order. Such guidance shall include any clarifying exclusions for licenses, certificates or registrations issued to individual persons that do not constitute an "occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration." Those secretariats, agencies, divisions, and boards shall enforce this Order.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until 90 days after the state of emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 2:09 PM this 18th day of March, two thousand and twenty

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts