GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-61

Driver License Renewals for Vulnerable Arizonans During COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, I, as Governor of the State of Arizona, issued a declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency due to the necessity to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that certain people are at higher risk of serious illness as a result of COVID-19 including older adults, people with serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease, and the CDC recommends that everyone, especially people who are at higher risk, should avoid crowds as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans 65 and older are required to visit Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Offices to renew their driver licenses, while many other services may be completed online; and

WHEREAS, consistent with CDC guidelines, on March 19, 2020, Executive Order 2020-08, *Limiting In-Person Motor Vehicle Division Visits for Driver License Renewals,* was issued to minimize in-person visits at MVD Offices, especially for Arizonans 65 or older, by deferring requirements to renew Arizona driver licenses that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 by 6 months from the expiration date; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, Executive Order 2020-53, *Driver License Renewals for Arizonans 65 or Older,* was issued to continue to protect vulnerable Arizonans by extending the expiration dates of Class D and Class M driver licenses with an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 by one year from the expiration date printed on the original driver license card; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that precipitated Executive Orders 2020-08 and 2020-53 are still a concern as the State of Arizona works to respond to, mitigate, and recover from the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of December 30, 2020, there have been 512,489 cases of COVID-19 in Arizona, including 8,718 deaths; and

WHEREAS, for the week of December 27, 2020, the percentage of positive diagnostic tests was 27%; and

WHEREAS, avoiding close contact with others, especially for Arizonans 65 or older, remains an important precaution to mitigate COVID-19 impacts; and

WHEREAS, many Arizonans rely on their valid driver licenses for identification to obtain governmental services, participate in governmental functions, and travel to essential work and appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation is developing an online driver license renewal option to minimize the necessity to visit MVD offices for vulnerable populations that is expected to be in place by February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that a valid Arizona driver license can be verified that it is not expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, including but not limited to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) shall defer requirements to renew Class D and Class M Arizona driver licenses that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 by one year from the expiration date printed on the original driver license card.

2. ADOT shall continue to defer requirements to renew Arizona driver licenses and driving permits, other than Class D and Class M licenses, that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 by 6 months from the expiration date.

3. ADOT shall defer requirements to submit a medical clearance card for the purposes of a commercial driver license through February 28, 2021.

4. ADOT shall reflect the deferred renewal requirement in the Department's driver license database and allow drivers to request a duplicate driver license card at AZMVDNow.gov that reflects the deferred driver license expiration date.

5. All Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) certified law enforcement officers as well as State government agencies, county and municipal governments, and election officials shall accept Arizona driver license cards with expiration dates between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 as valid identification for any purposes for which unexpired driver license cards would otherwise be accepted, consistent with this order and Arizona state statutes.

6. This order does not confer legal residency in Arizona nor prohibit its revocation.

7. This order does not prohibit the suspension or revocation of driver licenses for violation of Arizona state statutes for reasons other than those related to license renewal nor extend expiration dates for driver licenses subject to A.R.S. § 13-3821.

8. An expiration deferral provided during the term of this order shall survive expiration of this Executive Order.

9. Executive Orders 2020-08 and 2020-53 are hereby rescinded.

10. This order shall terminate on March 1, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Douglas A. Ducey

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 30th day of December in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State