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Order Waiving License Renewal Requirements

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory renewal requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (the Code).

Accordingly, for individuals whose active licenses expire between March 31, 2020, and December 31, 2020, the Director temporarily waives:

1. any statutory or regulatory requirement that individuals renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code take and pass an examination in order to renew a license; and,

2. any statutory or regulatory requirement that an individual renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code complete, or demonstrate compliance with, any continuing education requirements in order to renew a license.

These temporary waivers do not apply to any continuing education, training, or examination required pursuant to a disciplinary order against a license.

Licensees must satisfy any waived renewal requirements within six months of this order, unless further extended.

These temporary waivers do not relieve such individuals from timely complying with any other renewal requirements, including completing and submitting the required renewal forms to the governing licensing agency.

As a result of these waivers, the Department of Consumer Affairs' constituent licensing agencies may renew licenses despite noncompliance with the statutory or regulatory renewal requirements identified above.

On March 31, 2020, July 1, 2020, and August 27, 2020, the Director issued Orders Waiving License Renewal Requirements. The March 31, 2020, July 1, 2020, and August 27, 2020, orders are hereby withdrawn and rescinded.

These waivers are effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: October 22, 2020

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director