COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
EMERGENCY ORDER
2020-005

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order 20-52, the Governor of the State of Florida declared that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) poses a risk to the entire State of Florida, and that because of this danger, a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and the Florida Department of Health recommends social distancing measures to control the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida, pursuant to Executive Order 20-52, Section 4, Subparagraph B, authorized State agencies to suspend the effect of any regulatory statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 493.6108(2) Florida Statutes, requires an applicant for a Class "G" license to provide a certification by a physician or physician assistant of physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 may have prevented an applicant for a Class "G" license from obtaining a certification by a physician or physician assistant of physical fitness due to the shortage of available medical care.

NOW THEREFORE, with the powers and authorities conferred by Article IV, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and Executive Order 20-52, I hereby declare the following:

1. The provisions of **Section 493.6113(3)(b), Florida Statutes,** requiring an applicant for a Class "G" license to provide a certification by a physician or physician assistant of physical fitness is suspended for thirty (30) days following the execution of this order.

2. Unless specifically suspended in this Order or any other Emergency Order issued pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and Executive Order 20-52, all other portions of Chapter 493, Florida Statutes, and any rules promulgated thereunder remain in effect following the execution of this order.

THIS ORDER shall expire thirty (30) days from this date unless extended or rescinded by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

EXECUTED MARCH 26, 2020.

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