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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-36

Drivers' license and vehicle registration and regulation during state of disaster emergency

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis of economic insecurity resulting from a rapid increase in unemployment and lost wages;

WHEREAS, economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, morals, and welfare of the people of Kansas, as expressed in K.S.A 44-702 of the Kansas Employment Security Law;

WHEREAS, the economic recovery of Kansas is imperiled by the imminent threat of surges in COVID-19 infections in the State of Kansas as statewide restrictions on businesses and individual movement and gatherings are lifted—since May 15, 2020, fifteen counties in the State have for the first time issued an emergency declaration resulting from the pandemic, indicating a further threat to the State's economic recovery.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I executed Executive Order 20-12 regarding driver's license and vehicle registration and regulation during the public health emergency, and the justifications for that Order are fully set forth therein and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the operative provisions of Executive Order 20-12 were not only necessary to deal with the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 but are now also necessary to deal with the economic emergency resulting from COVID-19 in that the operative provisions provide relief from certain motor vehicle registration, license, and permit requirements for which strict compliance would impede individuals from being able to operate motor vehicles as may be used to travel to and from work and places of business and commerce;

WHEREAS, continuing the operative provisions of Executive Order 20-12 minimizes the economic loss that would result if strict compliance with certain motor vehicle registration, license, and permit requirements resulted in fewer individuals being less able to travel to and from work and otherwise engage in commerce; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansans in these challenging times, including providing grace periods regarding drivers' license and vehicle registrations through the Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles to avoid immediate danger to the health, safety, and welfare of Kansans.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including but not limited to the authority granted me by K.S.A 48-924 and K.S.A 48-925, in order to mitigate the effects of the spread of COVID-19 I hereby direct and order the following:

1. The Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles ("Division of Vehicles") shall extend vehicle registration renewal deadlines for State based passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trucks and trailers. A vehicle registrant will not be charged with late fees or interest on delinquent vehicle registration, if the registrant does not file within the registrant's normal month renewal period.

2. The Division of Vehicles shall extend truck, truck tractor, and trailer registration renewal deadlines for State-based International Registration Plan ("IRP") registrants. A State-based IRP registrant will not be charged with late fees or interest on delinquent vehicle registration.

3. The Division of Vehicles shall extend any temporary, state sixty-day permits for recently purchased vehicles. Kansas residents who have purchased a new or used vehicle on or after January 1, 2020, and are operating with a valid sixty-day permit, may continue to use such temporary tag beyond the sixty-day period and the permit shall continue to authorize road use while this order is in effect.

4. The Division of Vehicles shall extend the terms of drivers' licenses and identification cards for all Kansas residents with State driver's licenses that expired beginning on March 12, 2020, and who are not able to renew at a State driver's license examination office due to the State's COVID-19 response.

5. All law enforcement agencies or officers shall use their discretion in deciding whether to enforce laws related to expired drivers' licenses and should consider the State of Disaster Emergency when reviewing credentials issued by the State of Kansas, as the Division of Vehicles will not indicate in its system that such drivers' credentials are or will be expired while the State of Disaster Emergency remains in effect.

6. All driver's license renewals and vehicle registrations extended by this Executive Order must be completed within 60 days of the expiration of this order.

7. No other laws or regulations relating to license and vehicle registration and regulation are affected by this order.

8. This order supersedes any contrary order by any local health department regarding drivers' licenses or vehicle registrations and should be read in conjunction with previous executive orders responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any contrary provision in previous orders is superseded by this order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-36. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded, until June 30, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on May 26, 2020, expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR Laura Kelly

DATED 5.26.2020

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