



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 09/22/2020	Technical Advisory (TA) Number DL18-025 and RS/TL18-036
SUBJECT: Extension of Hurricane Michael Emergency by Executive Order 20-226 (extending the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 18-276, amended by Executive Order 18-277, and extended by Executive Order 18-360, 19-33, 19-98, 19-134, 19-176, 19-207, 19-261, 20-23, 20-81, 20-130, 20-171) until November 17, 2020	

Overview:

On September 18, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-226 providing the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) authorization to continue waiving fees and suspending enforcement for certain requirements for the following counties:

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| Bay | Holmes | Okaloosa |
| Calhoun | Jackson | Wakulla |
| Franklin | Jefferson | Walton |
| Gadsden | Leon | Washington |
| Gulf | Liberty | |

Details:

Commercial Vehicles

Pursuant to Section 4.F. of the Executive Order, the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has issued an Emergency Order authorizing the following:

Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;

Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;

Suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax agreement (IFTA) pursuant to Chapter 207 Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for motor carriers or drivers operating commercial motor vehicles that are properly registered in other jurisdictions and that are participating in emergency relief efforts through the transportation of equipment and supplies or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services;

Waive fees for duplicate or replacement vessel registration certificates, vessel title certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement driver's licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such license, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions. When processing a no-fee replacement driver license or identification card Tax Collector offices may waive the \$6.25 service fee by selecting "Tax Collector Issuance Error" on the no-fee replacement screen.

Defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties where in the FLHSMV has closed offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the FLHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions. Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licenses and registrants are not affected by this order.

Reinstatement Fees

Driver license reinstatement fees will be waived for customers impacted by closures of Tax Collector issuance offices, County Clerk of Courts offices, and Department of Revenue offices from October 9, 2018 to November 26, 2018 in the above-named counties for the following suspensions:

- D6 - FAILED TO APPEAR ON TRAFFIC SUMMONS
- D6 - FAILED TO COMPLETE CT ORDERED SCH
- D6 - SCHOOL ELECTED WHEN NOT ELIGIBLE
- D6 - FAIL TO COMPLY TRAFFIC SUMMONS
- D6 - FAILED TO PAY TRAFFIC FINE(PENALTY)
- D6 - CRIMINAL-FAIL TO PAY
- D6 - CRIMINAL-FAILED TO APPEAR
- D6 - SCH ELECTION MADE FAILED TO ATTEND
- SUSP - VIO 322.058 F.S. SUPPORT DELQ
- SUSP - FAIL TO PAY CT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION
- SUSP - NON-COMPLIANCE GENETIC TESTING
- FR1 - FR LIABILITY ACCIDENT (SUSPENSION)
- FR2- FR COURT ORDERED PIP (SUSPENSION)
- FR3 - FR JUDGEMENT (SUSPENSION)
- FR7 - FR PIP CANCEL (SUSPENSION)

FR8 - FR PIP CANCEL (SUSPENSION)
FR9 - FR PIP CANCEL (SUSPENSION)
WORTHLESS CHECK

The waiver of driver license reinstatement fees for impacted customers is available in FDLIS statewide.

Example: A customer who has an outstanding D6 sanction issued from Franklin County that was effective on or after October 9, 2018, who was unable to meet court compliance due to the closure of the Franklin County Clerk of Court's office may visit any issuance office statewide to reinstate with no reinstate fee.

Reinstatement fees will be waived for non-owners or customers in the above-named counties who were unable to provide driver services to reinstate a Financial Responsibility "7" Case (PIP Cancellation) with a suspension effective date between October 9, 2018 and November 26, 2018.

Financial Responsibility "7" Case (PIP Cancellation) reinstatement fees will be waived for non-owners or customers who state they were unable to surrender their tag due to Hurricane Michael. This will be done by entering a compliance date prior to the suspension effective date in the "FR Tag Surrender" or "Non-owners Clearance" screen in FDLIS.

Customers who present their current insurance information in effect after their suspension date, may have reinstatement fees waived by the Bureau of Motorist Compliance. Send a faxed request to (850) 617-5161 with a copy of the insurance card or policy, noting the customer is waiting in an office and the record will be cleared immediately. If you have questions or concerns, email FRField@flhsmv.gov.

Commercial Driver Licenses

Customers with CDL Disqualifications effective between October 9, 2018 and November 26, 2018 for "Failed to File Medical Certification" who met medical certification requirements prior to the effective date but their resident county was unable to provide driver license services, will be eligible to have the reinstatement fee waived upon review by the CDL Helpdesk. The Helpdesk will update the customers CDL Medical Certification in FDLIS and scan the certification into the customer's record. Call the CDL Helpdesk at (850) 617-2581 for review of the disqualification fee waiver if the sanction is effective during the time period designated above.

If a customer calls your office regarding a CDL Disqualification for a "Failed to File Medical Certification" that occurred during this time period, please direct the customer to CDL Medical Certification at (850) 617-2606 for expedited processing.

Motor Vehicle Dealers Indicia

This section applies to Bay and Calhoun Counties only.

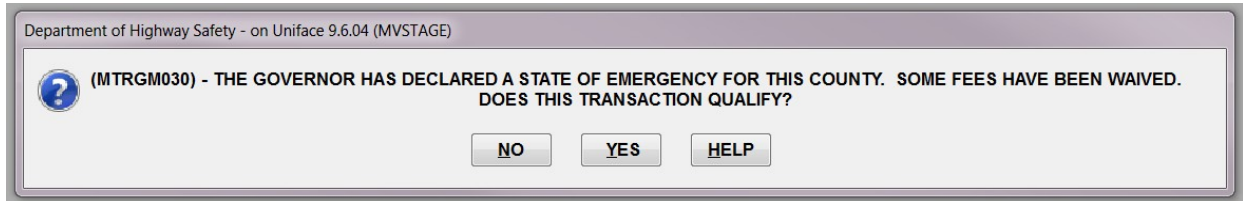
Motor Vehicle dealers who lost metal license plates and pre-printed temporary tags due to storm damage or flooding may replace them at no fee.

The metal license plates must be replaced by the dealer's host agency. The pre-printed temporary tags can be replaced by contacting Inventory Control at (850)617-3001.

Duplicate Title Certificates

Customers applying for a title for vehicles due to the adverse weather conditions of Hurricane Michael, and whose liens have been satisfied, will have the \$10 Expedited Title Print-On-Demand fee waived.

All offices can waive the fees in FRVIS by selecting "Yes" to the following prompt.



Please be reminded, when processing no fee transactions "EO #18-276" must be shown in the comments/remarks field.

FLHSMV anticipates a need to accommodate other situations where the customer's ability to receive services was not timely. FLHSMV will consider these situations as they are discovered and may issue additional Technical Advisories to address these situations.

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.