

# **TECHNICAL ADVISORY**

## **DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES**

DATE: 07/28/22 Technical Advisory RS/TL22-019

SUBJECT: Extension of Passport Validity-Venezuela

#### Overview:

On June 7, 2019, an extended decree by the Venezuelan National Assembly extended the validity of previously issued Venezuelan passports. Venezuelan passport holders will have the validity period of five years from the expiration date of their passport and have valid admission to the United States, as long as the traveler has a valid visa. See <a href="https://help.cbp.gov/s/article/Article-1411?language=en\_US">https://help.cbp.gov/s/article/Article-1411?language=en\_US</a> for more detail.

Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) recognizes that due to the current political situation in Venezuela, passport renewals are unavailable for Venezuelans overseas. Many Venezuelans within the United States possess passports that are currently expired. Therefore, FLHSMV requests that all Tax Collectors and License Plate Agents recognize and accept Venezuelan passports that are expired less than five years as proof of identity for registering and titling of vehicles in Florida.

### **Details:**

If the five years from the date of expiration have passed, the customer is no longer eligible to use the passport as proof of identity to obtain credentials for motor vehicle purposes.

- The validity of Venezuelan passports as proof of identity shall be determined by adding five years to the expiration date on the passport.
- For information related DL credentialing and proof of lawful status, refer to: <u>DL19-011 Expired Venezuelan Passports</u>.

## **Conclusion:**

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