

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

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IN RE: SUSPENSION OF APPLICATION  
AND LICENSING FEES

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Maria was a major hurricane that caused catastrophic damage to Puerto Rico and displaced many of its residents.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order number 17-259 on October 2, 2017, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 17-259, authorized the State Coordinating Officer to take any response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency and to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute or order or rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

**WHEREAS**, Wes Maul, Interim Director for the Division of Emergency Management and State Coordinating Officer, directed, pursuant to the authority granted to him from Executive Order 17-259, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue this Emergency Order.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN ZACHEM**, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the order of the State Coordinating Officer, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Maria, is negatively impacted by the

application of certain regulatory statutes or rules related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Therefore, I order:

1. Application and licensing fees required for any individual professional license for any resident of Puerto Rico displaced by Hurricane Maria and currently living in Florida are suspended from November 6, 2017 and running concurrently with Executive Order 17-259 and any subsequent amendment.

Executed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Jonathan Zachem, Secretary  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
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Filed on this date, with  
The designated Agency Clerk,  
Receipt of which is hereby  
Acknowledged.



Deputy Agency Clerk

Date: 12/11/2017