

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

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-01

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, numerous counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, *et al.*, as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALSEY BESHEARS, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("the Department"). Therefore, I order the following:

1. For the holder of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by the Department with an existing renewal deadline that occurs in the month of March or April, 2020, the existing renewal deadline is suspended and tolled for a period of 30 days from the existing renewal deadline, unless extended by subsequent order. No late fee shall be assessed on an eligible license renewal during this tolled period.
2. The existing condition of renewal related to the completion of required hours of continuing education for a license with an existing renewal deadline that occurs in the month of March or April, 2020, is suspended and tolled for a period of 30 days from the existing renewal deadline, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 16 day of March, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Halsey Beshears, Secretary
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Filed on this date, with
the designated Agency Clerk,
receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.



Agency Clerk's Office

Date: March 16, 2020