

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

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2019-01**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Dorian is a major Hurricane approaching the State of Florida and has the potential and likelihood to cause impacts possibly covering the entire peninsula and portions of North Florida;

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Dorian poses a significant threat to the entire State of Florida and, as such, it requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of this State;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order 19-189 on August 28, 2019, and Executive Order 19-190 on August 29, 2019, 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 19-189, as amended by Executive Order 19-190, 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;

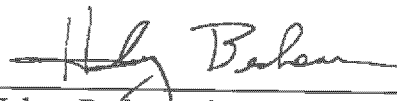
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALSEY BESHEARS**, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 19-189, as amended by Executive Order 19-190, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Dorian, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Therefore, I order the following:

1. All time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final agency action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules for which such applications are deemed approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines, and all time requirements that have not yet expired as of the date of this Emergency Order are suspended and tolled through September 30, 2019, unless extended by subsequent order.
2. All final orders reflecting final agency action are suspended and tolled through September 30, 2019, unless extended by subsequent order.
3. All time requirements, notice requirements and deadlines for filing responses to notices of intended agency action pursuant to s. 120.569, Florida Statutes, are suspended and tolled through September 30, 2019, unless extended by subsequent order.
4. For the holders of registered contractor licenses in the professions of Registered Air Conditioning Contractor (RA), Registered Building Contractor (RB), Registered Roofing Contractor (RC), Registered Plumbing Contractor (RF), Registered General Contractor (RG), Registered Tank Lining Applicator (RL), Registered Mechanical Contractor (RM), Registered Pool/Spa Contractor (RP), Registered Precision Tank Tester (RQ), Registered Residential Contractor (RR), Registered Sheet Metal Contractor (RS), Registered Utility and Excavation Contractor (RU), and Registered Specialty Contractor (RX):
  - a. The existing license renewal deadline of September 3, 2019, is suspended and tolled through September 30, 2019, unless extended by subsequent order. No late fees shall be assessed on these license renewals during this tolled period.

- b. The existing condition of renewal related to the completion of 14 required hours of continuing education is suspended and tolled through September 30, 2019, unless extended by subsequent order.
5. Any statute, rule, or order is suspended to the extent necessary to use the funds of the Department, including trust funds, for the procurement of all necessary supplies, services, and resources in support of the Department's emergency response duties, including but not limited to expenses relating to mass care, law enforcement, post-storm damage assessments and inspections, and related agency support of the state emergency support functions. This suspension includes without limitation all statutes and rules which affect purchasing, travel, the conditions of employment, and the compensation of employees. This section shall expire on September 30, 2019.

Executed this 31st day of August, 2019, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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



Agency Clerk's Office

Date: 8-31-19