



Emergency Order 24-08 Pursuant to Executive Order 24-214 (Emergency Management – Hurricane Milton)

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for numerous counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Tropical Storm Milton; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-215, amending Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for additional specified counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Tropical Storm Milton; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2024, Hurricane Milton made landfall in the Tampa Bay and Sarasota region as a Category 3 hurricane; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 24-214, Governor Ron DeSantis granted the Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) authorization to take certain actions relative to various matters within the authority of DHSMV including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, vessels, driver licenses and identification cards; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency is to be effective for sixty (60) days following the date of Executive Order 24-214.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Kerner, Executive Director of the Department, pursuant to Executive Order 24-214, promulgate the following DHSMV Emergency Order to take immediate effect:

1. I hereby continue to suspend enforcement of the registration requirements under 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.
2. Pursuant to 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 390.25, as authorized by the Federal Motor Carrier Administration, motor carriers and drivers operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide emergency relief during an emergency are exempt from 49 CFR Parts 390-399 until **November 4, 2024, in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's October 17, 2024, Regional Emergency Declaration and Extension of Emergency Declarations.**
 3. I hereby continue to suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) under chapter 207, Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) under 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.
 4. I hereby continue to waive fees for duplicate or replacement: vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, and handicapped parking permits contained in chapters 319 and 320 Florida Statutes; replacement drivers' licenses and replacement identification cards contained in chapter 322 Florida Statutes; and vessel registration certificates and vessel title certificates contained in chapter 328 Florida Statutes. I waive any additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such licenses, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions.
 5. I hereby continue to defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents contained in chapters 319, 320, 322, or 328 Florida Statutes, which were delayed due to the effects

of adverse weather conditions, including in counties wherein the DHSMV has closed offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the DHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions.

6. Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licensees and registrants are not affected by this order. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.
7. I hereby defer administrative action pursuant to §§ 322.2615, 322.2616 and 322.64, Florida Statutes, throughout the Department due to the closure of offices in the State of Florida.

This Emergency Order shall expire on November 4, 2024, or on the expiration or rescission of this Emergency Order, whichever is earlier.

Executed on this 21st day of October, 2024.

Signed by:

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Dave Kerner, Director