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JB PRITZKER GOVERNOR

ORDER FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITS TO ASSIST WITH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Under the authority of State of Illinois I, Governor J.B. Pritzker, order that the Illinois Department of Transportation may issue permits for the transportation of emergency response/relief supplies for the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

Overweight permits may be issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation and fees shall be waived for transportation highways of emergency response/relief supplies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on Illinois highways. "Illinois highways" includes the National Defense Highway System pursuant to 23 USC 127(i).

This order does not apply to posted bridges, and local highways with special and seasonal weight limit postings. Haulers must verify their route using <u>www.gettingaroundillinois.com</u> to ensure their route is free of size and weight restrictions.

A permit issued under this order does not authorize the operation of any vehicle combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 88,000 pounds. A permit may only authorize weights not more than 10 percent greater than the gross axle, gross axle combination, or gross vehicle weight limitations.

Interstate and intrastate carriers providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks are relieved from the requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The relief under this paragraph is valid for the duration of the motor carrier's assistance in the relief effort or until April 12, 2020

Except as provided in this order, all other applicable state and federal laws remain in full force and effect. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation may suspend, alter, or amend the permit as necessary.

Except as specifically provided otherwise, this order expires on April 12, 2020.

J.B. Pritzker Governor State of Illinois <u>March 15, 2020</u> Date