

## STATE of NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## LINCOLN

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 24-1**

## **Emergency Relief for Fuel Supply Shortages Due to Extreme Cold Temperatures**

WHEREAS, Nebraska is experiencing extreme cold weather creating unexpected demand for heating fuel and oils needed to support the health and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicles and motor carriers are engaged in the business of transporting fuel and oils to meet this unexpected demand; and

WHEREAS, drivers must drive further distances or make additional trips during their workday in order to meet immediate needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the emergency management laws of the State of Nebraska, find these conditions constitute an emergency, and meet the purpose pursuant to 49 CFR part 390.23 of facilitating a waiver to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, specifically 49 CFR part 395.3, maximum drive time for property-carrying vehicles, subject to the following provisions:

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

- 1.) A temporary waiver of requirements under 49 CFR part 395.3, maximum drive time for property-carrying vehicles, for the limited purpose of hauling residential heating fuels and oils or fuel used to generate power for residential heat into or within Nebraska.
- 2.) No motor carrier operating under the terms of this emergency declaration shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.
- 3.) Drivers operating under this order shall carry a copy of the order with them as evidence of their direct support to the State of Nebraska during this emergency period.

This emergency relief is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

Jim Pillen, Governor

State of Nebraska

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State

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