

**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA** 

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TO: Superintendent, Virginia State Police Commissioner, Department of Transportation Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicle

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## SUBJECT: LIMITED EXEMPTION OF HOURS OF SERVICE FOR CARRIERS TRANSPORTING ESSENTIAL RELIEF SUPPLIES, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND/OR RESTORATION OF UTILITIES

Based on National Weather Service forecasts projecting a major winter storm the Governor has declared a State of Emergency seeking relief for all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies, providing restoration of utilities (electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) and essential services deliveries (e.g., food delivery, refuse collection, feed for livestock and poultry), throughout the Commonwealth.

These exceptions activate the FMCSA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service and are granted for the period beginning 12 pm February 11, 2014 until 12 pm March 1, 2014, or whenever the crisis has abated, whichever is soonest.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation is appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact the Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT) Coordinator at (804) 674-2400.

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