Hurricane Irma
Emergency Order
(Pursuant to Executive Order 17-287)
(Extension of Executive Order 17-235)

On November 2, 2017, Governor Rick Scott signed Executive Order 17-287 (Extension of Executive Order 17-235) providing the Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) authorization to:

- Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to 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;
- Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;
- Suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax agreement (IFTA) pursuant to Chapter 207 Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) pursuant to 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;
- Waive fees for duplicate or replacement vessel registration certificates, vessel title certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement driver’s licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such license, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions; and,
- Defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties where in 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. Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licenses and registrants are not affected by this order. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.
- The authorization above applies to all counties in the State of Florida.
Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 4.F. of Executive Order 17-235, I hereby suspend any statute, rule or order, for commercial motor vehicles responding to Hurricane Irma while operating within, entering or leaving Florida to provide emergency services or supplies; transporting emergency equipment, supplies or equipment; or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style homes as needed to or from the affected counties from: (i) registration requirements pursuant to 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes and (ii) licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement pursuant to Chapter 207, Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, when such vehicles are properly registered in other jurisdictions. This order shall expire on the earlier of the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 17-287 or 11:59 PM on January 1, 2018, unless extended by me.

Executed this 8th day of November 2017.

Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles