GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-08

LIMITING IN-PERSON MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION VISITS FOR DRIVER LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Secretary Alex Azar of the United States Health and Human Services, declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I, as Governor of the State of Arizona, issued a declaration of Public Health Emergency due to the necessity to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that certain people are at higher risk of serious illness as a result of COVID-19 including older adults, people with serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease, and the CDC recommends that everyone, especially people who are at higher risk, should avoid crowds as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, minimizing required in-person visits to conduct government services, including visiting Motor Vehicle Division Offices (MVD), is consistent with CDC guidelines; and

WHEREAS, commercial vehicle drivers are essential for responding to emergencies and facilitating commerce across Arizona and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans over the age of 65 must visit MVD offices to renew their driver licenses, while many other services may be completed online; and

WHEREAS, the federal Transportation Security Administration announced that state driver licenses that expired beginning on March 1, 2020, will be accepted as identification at airport checkpoints for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statute § 26-307(A) provides that state agencies "...may make, amend and rescind orders, rules and regulations necessary for emergency functions…."; and

WHEREAS, many Arizonans rely on their valid driver license, permit or commercial driver license for identification to obtain governmental services and travel to essential work and appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) shall defer:
    a. Requirements to renew Arizona driver licenses and driving permits that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 by 6 months from the expiration date.

    b. Requirements to submit a medical clearance card for the purposes of a commercial driver license until September 1, 2020.

2. ADOT shall reflect the deferred renewal requirement in the Department's driver license database and allow drivers to request a duplicate driver license at www.ServiceArizona.com that reflects the deferred driver license expiration date.

3. All Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board certified law enforcement officers as well as State government agencies, and county and municipal governments shall accept driver license cards that expire between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 as valid identification for any purposes for which driver license cards would otherwise be accepted, consistent with this order whether or not they have are expired.

4. This order does not confer legal residency in Arizona nor prohibit the revocation.

5. This order does not prohibit the suspension or revocation of driver licenses for violation of Arizona state statutes for reasons other than those related to license renewal.

6. This order shall terminate after termination of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued on March 11, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

ATTEST:

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth of March in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State