



**The State of Maryland**  
**Executive Department**

**ORDER  
OF THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

NO. 21-05-12-03

**DELAYING EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION  
LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, April 10, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 31, August 10, September 8, October 6, October 29, November 25, and December 23, 2020, and January 21, February 19, March 18, and April 16, 2021, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;
- WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has advised employers, such as the State of Maryland, to prepare for increased employee absence and alternative working arrangements (such as teleworking) in response to an outbreak of COVID-19;
- WHEREAS, Increased employee absence and alternative working arrangements within the State of Maryland’s workforce may impact the State’s ability to timely process renewals of expiring permits, licenses, and identification cards;
- WHEREAS, The CDC and the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”) recommend social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19;
- WHEREAS, Renewal of expiring licenses, permits, and identification cards often requires the public to enter public buildings and interact with State

employees and other persons, which may be contrary to prudent social distancing; and

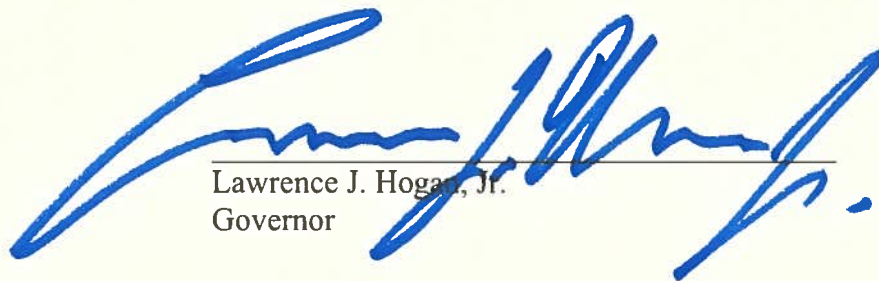
WHEREAS,

To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of COVID19 in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that certain licenses, permits, and identification cards of the Motor Vehicle Administration in the Maryland Department of Transportation be extended during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. For any driver's license, moped operator's permit, or identification card that has expired since March 12, 2020, the Motor Vehicle Administration in the Maryland Department of Transportation may suspend such expiration.
- II. The expiration of driver's licenses, moped operator's permits, or identification cards may not be suspended past August 15, 2021.
- III. General Provisions
  - a. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
  - b. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.
  - c. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2021, AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a prominent "H".

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor