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**Important Information for Law Enforcement Regarding Further Motor Vehicle Document Extensions**

In continued support of the efforts to ensure the safety and security of all Rhode Islanders as well as law enforcement personnel both in this state and elsewhere following Governor Raimondo’s May 6, 2020 state of emergency extension declaration due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19, I have exercised the authority granted in R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-2-28 to extend the expiration dates of certain motor vehicle documents as follows:

- All Rhode Island driver's licenses, including commercial driver's licenses, permits, and identification cards set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island school bus certificates set to expire on June 30, 2020 shall now expire on August 31, 2020.
- All Rhode Island registrations set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island special use identification tags issued by motor vehicle dealers ("20-day temporary plates") between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island 5-day temporary registration plates issued between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
Rhode Island residents who purchase a motor vehicle from Rhode Island motor vehicle dealers, out-of-state motor vehicle dealers, or private parties between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall have up to 90 days to register the vehicle if the purchaser’s prior motor vehicle and the newly purchased motor vehicle are of the same type and the registration plates from the purchaser’s prior motor vehicle will be transferred to the newly purchased motor vehicle.

- All Rhode Island inspection certificates/stickers set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island disability parking privilege placards set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island motor vehicle inspection station and motor vehicle inspector permits set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island window tint medical condition exemption certificates set to expire between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 shall now expire 90 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island commercial drivers’ school licenses and instructor’s licenses set to expire on June 30, 2020 shall now expire on September 30, 2020.

Additionally, I have exercised the authority granted in R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-2-28 to further extend the expiration dates of certain motor vehicle documents as follows:

- All Rhode Island driver’s licenses, including commercial driver’s licenses, permits, and identification cards set to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire 180 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island registrations set to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire 180 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island special use identification tags issued by motor vehicle dealers (“20-day temporary plates”) between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire 180 days from their expiration date.
- All Rhode Island 5-day temporary registration plates issued between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire 180 days from their expiration date.
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The official executed action can be accessed on the DMV’s web site at www.dmv.ri.gov. Please be advised that the expiration dates set forth above: a) supersede and replace the portion of my March 30, 2020 Second Expiration Date Extensions Order regarding Division of Motor Vehicles-issued privileges set to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020; and b) supplement: i) the portion of my March 30, 2020 Second Expiration Date Extensions Order regarding Division of Motor Vehicles-issued privileges set to expire between April 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020 and ii) my April 24, 2020 Third Expiration Date Extensions Order.

I ask for your help in alerting your employees and members, as well as any affiliate organizations, to this significant change to the validity period of these motor vehicle documents. Additionally, please forward this information to law enforcement personnel and other concerned parties outside of Rhode Island, so as to assist our residents with their travels during the summer months.
Thank you again for your continued partnership and cooperation during the COVID-19 crisis. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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RI Trucking Association
RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority
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