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

In 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 March 9, 2020 state of emergency 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 drivers’ licenses, permits, and identification cards set to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire on April 30, 2020.
- All Rhode Island registrations set to expire on March 31, 2020 shall now expire on April 30, 2020.
- 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 be valid for up to 40 days from the date of issuance.
- All Rhode Island 5-day temporary registration plates issued between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall be valid for up to 40 days from the date of issuance.
- Rhode Island residents who purchase a motor vehicle from Rhode Island motor vehicle dealers, out-of-state motor vehicle dealers, or private parties...
between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall have up to 40 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 on March
- All Rhode Island disability parking privilege placards set to expire
  between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire on April 30, 2020.
- All Rhode Island motor vehicle inspection station and motor vehicle
  inspector permits set to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020
  shall now expire on April 30, 2020.
- All Rhode Island window tint medical condition exemption certificates set
  to expire between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020 shall now expire on April

The official executed action can be accessed on the DMV’s web site at www.dmv.ri.gov.

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,

[Signature]
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