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GUIDANCE REGARDING LICENSES ISSUED TO BUSINESSES

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On March 26, 2020, Governor Baker signed an Order Extending Certain Professional Licenses, Permits, and Registrations Issued by Commonwealth Agencies. This Order allows for licenses, certificates or registrations issued to businesses that were in good standing as of March 26, 2020 and that expire during the current state of emergency to remain valid until 90 days after termination of the state of emergency. This state of emergency went into effect on March 10, 2020.

The Governor’s March 26, 2020 Order provides relief in the event DFS is unable to process renewal requests due to the COVID-19 response. If your business holds one of the licenses listed below that is issued by the Department of Fire Services that has, or will expire during the declared state of emergency, and it was in good standing as of March 26, 2020, your business can continue to operate under the authority of that license until 90 days after the state of emergency ends. DFS continues to process licenses, certificates, and registrations renewals on a daily basis. Additionally, the Department of Fire Services will continue to exercise its statutory and regulatory enforcement authority during the state of emergency.

The Governor’s March 26, 2020 is specifically applicable to the following:

| Profession | License Type |
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| BPV Certificates | Steam Boiler Certificate of Inspection |
| BPV Certificates | Pressure Vessel (Air Tank) Certificate of Inspection |
| BPV Certificates | Refrigeration Systems (> 20 Tons) Certificate of Inspection |
| BPV Certificates | Hot Water Boiler Certificate of Inspection |
| DFS General Licenses | Black or Smokeless Powder (Company license) |
| Explosives | Explosives User Certificate (Company license) |
| Explosives | License to Sell Explosives (Company license) |
| Pyrotechnics | Pyrotechnic User Certificate (Company license) |
| Pyrotechnics | License to Transport Fireworks (Company license) |
| Fire Suppression | CR Fire Supr Cert of Registration |
| Fire Suppression | CR-40 Self Serve Facilities |
| Fire Suppression | CR-42 Portable Fire Extinguishers |
| Fire Suppression | CR-43 Special Hazard (Engineered) |
| Fire Suppression | CR-44 Special Hazard (Pre-Engineered) |
| Hood Cleaning | HCI Certificate of Registration |

*****The Governor’s March 26, 2020 Order shall not include permits issued to businesses or individuals by the Department of Fire Services.**