



**Department of
Public Safety**



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To Whom It May Concern:

On March 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed Sub. H.B. 197, which states that Ohio licenses (including driver license, CDLs, and registrations) expiring during the declared State of Emergency shall remain valid until either 90 days after the declared emergency ends, or December 1st, 2020, whichever comes sooner. The State of Emergency was declared on March 9, 2020.

As a result, any Ohio CDL with an expiration date after March 9, 2020, but before the end of the State of Emergency, is considered valid for a period of time not to exceed 90 days past the end of the State of Emergency, or December 1st (whichever comes first.)

Additionally, FMCSA has issued waivers relating to medical certifications. FMCSA is waiving the requirement for a medical examination and certification, provided that the driver has proof of a valid medical certification that was issued for a period of 90 days or longer and the expired on or after March 1st, 2020. The Ohio BMV will honor this waiver and maintain a "certified" medical certification status for these individuals.

As a reminder, the BMV is making every effort to maintain operations at five deputy registrar and driver examination stations throughout the state, so that CDL drivers can continue to be issued or renew their CDL. Check www.bmv.ohio.gov for up-to-date information on these locations. We strongly recommend CDL drivers with expiration dates during this time frame renew at one of these locations when possible, to avoid lengthier wait times when the BMV is fully operational again.

Sincerely,

Charles Norman
Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles