

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016-69

EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF FEES - OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES & DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016, issued on August 12, 2016, and continued by Proclamation No. 127 JBE 2016, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to the heavy rain and flooding, which continues to threaten the safety and security of the citizens of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has issued an Emergency Declaration and Major Disaster Declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act due to the widespread damage caused by the flooding;
- WHEREAS,** more than 150,000 households in Louisiana have been affected by this flooding event, some citizens still displaced and many beginning to rebuild and recover from the loss caused by the event;
- WHEREAS,** the flooding damaged or destroyed documents important to many Louisiana citizens, including titles, registrations, identification and related documents necessary for the lawful operation of motor vehicles in the State of Louisiana, as well as birth and death certificates;
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** in response to the damage done to records due to the flooding resulting from the emergency conditions, the Commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles and the Secretary of the Department of Health have requested suspension of certain provisions of law related to fees and charges which would be incurred by those individuals who have been required to replace damaged or destroyed documents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The following specific provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 related to the imposition of fees or charges related to transactions with the Office of Motor Vehicles, or their authorized agent, as qualified by this Order, are hereby suspended for transactions with an associated address located in the parishes of Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee,

St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana when, as determined by any guidelines or directions issued by the Commissioner, the request is a result of the emergency conditions:

- La. R.S. 32:728, to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate title;
- La. R.S. 47:472(A), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate number plate or a duplicate certification of registration;
- La. R.S. 32:412(D)(2), to the extent that it requires payment of late fees for renewal of a driver's license that expired on or after August 3, 2016;
- La. R.S. 32:413(B), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for the issuance of a duplicate driver's license;
- La. R.S. 40:1321, to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for the issuance of a duplicate special identification card;
- La. R.S. 47:463.4(C)(1)(c), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for the issuance of a duplicate mobility impairment hang tag when the originally issued hang tag is lost, destroyed, or mutilated; and
- La. R.S. 32:412.1, to the extent that it requires payment of handling charges for lost plates and stickers and transactions associated with the issuance of a duplicate: identification card, title, registration, and/or driver's license.

SECTION 2:

The following specific provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 related to the imposition of fees or charges related to transactions with the Department of Health, or their authorized agent, as qualified by this Order, are hereby suspended for transactions by individuals affected by flooding with an associated address located in the parishes of Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana when, as determined by any guidelines or directions issued by the Secretary, the request is a result of the emergency conditions:

- La. R.S. 40:40(2), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate birth record; and
- La. R.S. 40:40(3), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate death certificate.

SECTION 3:

This order shall be effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from August 12, 2016, until September 30, 2016, unless amended, modified, or terminated prior to such time.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 27th day of September, 2016.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE