



## **Temporary Waiver of Regulations to Extend Validity of Expired Licenses, Certifications, Registrations and Other Authorizations**

Amended March 24, 2021

Effective March 18, 2020

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On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On May 26, 2020, the Governor proclaimed that the state of emergency continues to exist. In the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, [Amended Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby extend the validity of licenses, certifications, registrations, and other authorizations issued by regulatory boards under the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation that would otherwise (i) expire during the state of emergency and (ii) be eligible for renewal, extension, or reinstatement during the state of emergency under applicable regulations, until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date by which the state of emergency is lifted.

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations, nor does it amend or permanently extend the previous expiration date of affected licenses, certifications, registrations, and other authorizations.

This waiver shall take effect on March 18, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Broz-Vaughan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Broz-Vaughan  
DPOR Director