

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE  
EMERGENCY ORDER  
2022-003

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2022, through Executive Order 22-218, the Governor of the State of Florida declared that Tropical Depression Nine was expected to threaten the State as a potential major hurricane and declared a state of emergency in twenty-four counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, through Executive Order 22-219, the Governor declared that Tropical Storm Ian (former TD9) is forecasted to become a major hurricane before making landfall along Florida's West Coast bringing the risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and isolated tornadic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, through Executive Order 22-219, the Governor has declared a state of emergency exists throughout the state to prepare for the impact of Tropical Storm/Expected Hurricane Ian thereby amending, ratifying, and reaffirming Executive Order 22-218; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida; pursuant to Executive Order 22-218, Section 4, finds that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some state agencies in responding to the emergency may require agencies to suspend the application of the statutes, rules, and orders that state agencies administer; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 22-218, Section 4, Subparagraph B, authorizes state agencies to suspend the effect of any regulatory statutes prescribing the procedures for conducting state business or the orders or rules of the agency if strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 493.6113(4), Florida Statutes, requires Chapter 493 licensees who fail to file their renewal application on or before its expiration pay a late fee equal to the amount of the license fee; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 493.6113(3)(b), Florida Statutes, requires Class "G" licensees to provide four (4) hours of firearms requalification annually to the Department or have their licenses automatically suspended; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 493.6113(1), Florida Statutes, requires all Chapter 493 licensees to be renewed biennially by the Department, except for Class "A", Class "B", Class "AB", Class "K", Class "R", and branch licenses, which shall be renewed every three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 790.06(11)(a), Florida Statutes, requires Chapter 790 licensees who fail to file their renewal application on or before its expiration pay a late fee of \$15; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 790.06(1) & (11), Florida Statutes, requires Chapter 790 licensees to be renewed every 7 years by the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of the Hurricane Ian has caused financial hardships for many individuals and business in the state of Florida who are licensed and regulated by the Department and may prevent them from timely complying with regulatory statutes and rules.

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**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the powers and authorities conferred by Article IV, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and Executive Orders 22-218 and 22-219, I hereby declare the following:

(1) The provisions of Section 493.6113(4), Florida Statutes, requiring a licensee to pay a late fee for failing to file a renewal application on or before its expiration is suspended.

(2) The provisions of Section 493.6113(3)(b), Florida Statutes, requiring Class "G" licensees to provide 4 hours of firearms requalification annually to the Department or have their licenses automatically suspended is suspended,

(3) The provisions of Section 493.6113(1), Florida Statutes, requiring all Chapter 493 licensees to be renewed biennially by the Department, except for Class "A", Class "B", Class "AB", Class "K", Class "R", and branch licenses, which shall be renewed every 3 years is suspended.

(4) The provisions of Section 790.06(11)(a), Florida Statutes, requiring a licensee to pay a late fee for failing to file a renewal application on or before its expiration is suspended.

(5) The provisions of Sections 790.06(1) & (11), Florida Statutes, requiring all Chapter 790 licensees to be renewed every 7 years by the Department is suspended.

(6) The suspensions of these provisions are retroactive to the issuance of Executive Order 22-218 on September 23, 2022, and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days following the execution of this Order.

(7) Unless specifically suspended in this Order or any other Emergency Order, all other provisions of these statutes shall remain in effect.

**THIS ORDER** shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of this Order unless extended or rescinded by the Commissioner of Agriculture or upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Orders 22-218 and 22-219 or any further extensions thereof; whichever occurs first.

EXECUTED SEPTEMBER 28, 2022.



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