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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

IN RE: WAIVER OF FEE FOR TEMPORARY LICENSES FOR OUT-OF-STATE VETERINARIANS

EMERGENCY ORDER 2022-02

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian made landfall on the western Gulf Coast of Florida as a major hurricane and caused significant damage to various counties in the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian and the damage it caused poses a significant threat to the entire State of Florida and, as such, it requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of this State;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order number 2022-18 on September 23, 2022, as amended by Executive Order 2022-19 on September 24, 2022, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order 2022-18, as amended by Executive Order 2022-19, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute or orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

NOW, THERE, I, MELANIE S. GRIFFIN, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 2022-18, as amended by Executive Order 2022-19, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to

Hurricane Ian, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Therefore, I order the following:

The \$200.00 fee required by Rules 61G18-25.001(1)(b) and 61G18-12.010, Florida Administrative Code, for the issuance of a temporary license to out-of-state veterinarians during an emergency as described by section 474.2125, Florida Statutes, is hereby waived.

The effective date of this Order shall correspond with the effective date of Executive Order 22-18, as amended by Executive Order 2022-19, and any amendments, and shall expire sixty (60) days from this effective date unless extended.

Executed this 29th day of September, 2022, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed on this date, with The designated Agency Clerk, Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

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