

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES, RULES
AND ORDERS, MADE NECESSARY
BY HURRICANE IAN

EMERGENCY ORDER 2022-07

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida’s western Gulf Coast as a major hurricane and caused significant damage across the State;

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

WHEREAS, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order 2022-218 on September 23, 2022, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219 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 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, authorized each state agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute, order, or rule if strict compliance with the provision would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE S. GRIFFIN, Secretary of Florida’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Department”), pursuant to the authority granted to me by Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, 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:

For the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Desoto, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Union, and Volusia:

- a. The provisions of section 489.513, Florida Statutes, are suspended to the extent that registered contractors are not subject to the geographical scope limitations or requirements as provided in section 489.513(5), Florida Statutes, when providing contracting services within the aforementioned counties. Registered contractors shall provide their state registration, proof of compliance with applicable workers' compensation as required by section 440.09, Florida Statutes, and otherwise required within Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and liability and property damage insurance as required by section 489.515(1)(b), Florida Statutes, to the jurisdiction in which the work is being performed. Additionally, registered contractors working outside the geographical scope of their registration in compliance with this order are not committing an act of unlicensed contracting, as described in section 489.532, Florida Statutes, or practicing beyond the scope of a certification or registration, as specified under section 489.533(1)(s), Florida Statutes, for the time period that this Order is in effect.

- b. This provision shall continue to apply to all projects for which a building permit has been applied for or obtained during the effective date of this Emergency Order.

The effective date of this Order shall correspond with the effective date of Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219 and any amendments, and shall expire on November 22, 2022, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 9th day of November, 2022, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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



Agency Clerk's Office

Date: November 9, 2022