

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

IN RE: PARTIAL EXTENSION OF DBPR
EMERGENCY ORDERS EO 2022-03,
EO 2022-04, EO 2022-07,
EO 2022-08, and EO 2023-01

EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-02

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, by Executive Order 22-268 on November 21, 2022, by Executive Order 23-21 on January 19, 2023, and by Executive Order 23-60 on March 17, 2023, 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, by Executive Order 22-268, by Executive Order 23-21, and by Executive Order 23-60, 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, by Executive Order 22-268, by Executive Order 23-21, and by Executive Order 23-60, 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. Pursuant to this authority, I previously executed DBPR Emergency Orders 2022-03, 2022-04, 2022-07, 2022-08, and 2023-01, which, in part, suspended and tolled various deadlines and geographical scope limitations, and waived fee provisions, to mitigate the burdens DBPR licensees and applicants faced from Hurricane Ian. The previous deadlines in the aforementioned orders are imminent, yet many applicants and licensees still face storm-related hardships, including the lack of internet service. Therefore, I order the following extensions of the Department's prior Emergency Orders, which were previously extended by the Department's prior Emergency Orders 2022-08 and EO 2023-01:

Department Emergency Order 2022-03

1. The entirety of Department Emergency Order 2022-03 is extended until May 16, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, in its entirety.

Department Emergency Order 2022-04

2. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Department Emergency Order 2022-04 are extended until May 16, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

Department Emergency Order 2022-07

3. The entirety of Department Emergency Order 2022-07 is extended until May 16, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.


Executed this 20th day of March 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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


Agency Clerk's Office
Date: March 20, 2023