

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

IN RE: HURRICANE IDALIA

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-06**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Idalia is predicted to make landfall on Florida’s Gulf Coast as a major hurricane and could affect areas still recovering from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole; and

**WHEREAS**, there is risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Big Bend and portions of Florida’s Gulf Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order 23-171 on August 26, 2023, as amended by Executive Order 23-172 on August 28, 2023, as amended by Executive Orders 23-174 and 23-175 on August 29, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in Executive Order 23-171, as amended by Executive Orders 23-172, 23-174, and 23-175, has 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 23-171, as amended by Executive Orders 23-172, 23-174, and 23-175, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State’s emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Idalia, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department. Therefore, I order the following:

**General Deadlines**

1. All final orders reflecting final agency action are suspended and tolled until September 28, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

2. All time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for filing responses as outlined in DBPR orders, are suspended and tolled until September 28, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

#### **Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco**

3. All time requirements and deadlines for the filing of monthly reports and returns as required by sections 210.02(6), 210.09, 210.55, 561.50, or 561.55, Florida Statutes, are suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

#### **CILB Registered Contractors**

4. The existing deadline of August 31, 2023, as established by Rule 61-6.001(4), Florida Administrative Code, is suspended and tolled through October 2, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, for contractors registered with the Construction Industry Licensing Board. Any existing renewal conditions related to the completion of hours of continuing education, as set forth in Rule 61G4-18.001, Florida Administrative Code, are also suspended and tolled through October 2, 2023. Licenses renewed on or before October 2, 2023, shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any fees.

#### **Community Association Management Firms**

5. The existing license renewal deadline of September 30, 2023, as established by section 468.432(2)(d), Florida Statutes, is suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, for Community Association Management Firms. Licenses renewed on or before October 25, 2023 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late fees.

#### **Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes**

6. The annual \$4 fee per mobile home, as established by section 723.007(1), Florida Statutes, and the \$1 surcharge, as established by section 723.007(2), Florida Statutes, are suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order. Payments remitted by October 25, 2023 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late penalties.

#### **Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics**

7. The existing license renewal deadline of August 31, 2023, as established by sections 499.012(5)(a) and 499.832(1), Florida Statutes, and Rules 61N-1.018 and 61N-1.015(10)(a), Florida Administrative Code, is suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, for any

license type under this category. Licenses renewed on or before October 25, 2023 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late fees.

8. The existing license renewal deadline of September 30, 2023, as established by sections 499.012, 499.62(6), and 499.832(1), Florida Statutes, and Rules 61N-1.018 and 61N-1.015(10)(a), Florida Administrative Code, is suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, for any license type under this category. Licenses renewed on or before October 25, 2023 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late fees.

#### **Real Estate**

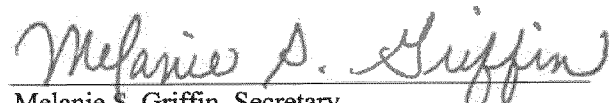
9. The existing license renewal deadline of September 30, 2023, as established by section 475.182, Florida Statutes, and Rule 61-6.001(4), Florida Administrative Code, is suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order, for the following Real Estate licenses: Sales Associates, Broker Sales Associates, Brokers, Instructors and Schools. Any existing renewal conditions related to the completion of hours of continuing education, as set forth in Rule 61J2-3.009(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code, are also suspended and tolled through October 25, 2023. Licenses renewed on or before October 25, 2023 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late fees.

#### **Veterinarians**

10. 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 through October 25, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

  
Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary

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

*Ronda L. Bryan*

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Agency Clerk's Office

Date: August 29, 2023