

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
HURRICANE MILTON

DBPR EO 2024-14

AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, declaring a state of emergency for the state to prepare for and respond to the impact of Tropical Storm Milton, which rapidly intensified into Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency in the following 51 Counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2024, Hurricane Milton made landfall on Florida’s Gulf Coast as a major hurricane, causing devastating damage across the state, including significant wind, flood, and water damage to residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.B. of Executive Order 24-214 provides each state agency authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s timely execution of disaster mitigation, response, and recovery functions of the State’s emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Milton, would be hindered by the application of certain provisions imposed by statute, order, or rule; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation filed Emergency Order 2024-11, viewable on the Department's website at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/os/documents/DBPR-EO-2024-11.pdf>, on October 31, 2024, which suspended and tolled various geographic scope limitations, waived fee provisions, extended renewal dates, suspended specific license requirement relating to mold remediation for water damaged property, and suspended specific license requirements for public lodging establishments to mitigate the burdens associated with Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, this Amended Emergency Order supersedes and replaces Department of Business and Professional Regulation Emergency Order 2024-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted to me by Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215 and extended by Executive Order 24-264, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Milton, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department, and order the following:

Amended Department Emergency Order 2024-14

1. Paragraphs 1-6, 8, 10-16, and 22-25 of Department Emergency Order 2024-11 are extended through February 1, 2025.
2. The license renewal and continuing education deadlines in Paragraphs 7, 9, and 19 of Department Emergency Order 2024-11 are suspended and tolled through January 31, 2025. The deadline extension in Paragraph 7 of Department Emergency Order 2024-11 shall also apply to the following renewal deadlines: October 31, 2024; November 30, 2024; and December 31, 2024.
3. This entire Order retroactively applies from November 30, 2024, onward.

This Amended Emergency Order shall be in effect beginning December 11, 2024, and shall expire on February 1, 2025, or upon rescission of Executive Order 24-214, as modified or extended, or upon earlier order by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 11th day of December 2024.

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

Agency Clerk's Office

Date: 12/12/2024