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**Media Release:**
**Gov. Ricketts Issues Executive Order to Temporarily Ease Driver and Vehicle Requirements**

**LINCOLN** – Today, Governor Pete Ricketts issued an executive order to increase flexibility in requirements for Nebraska residents relating to driver licensing and vehicle registration requirements. Acknowledging the restrictions in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Governor is extending driver licenses and vehicle registrations expiring on or after March 1st. The extension will remain in effect until 30 days after the order is lifted.

- **Driver Licenses or State IDs** – The extension will apply to all driver licenses, state identification cards, permits, or other credential issued by the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. Customers will still be able to renew credentials online; however, the aim is to reduce the number of individuals requiring in-person assistance. This step will assist with social distancing and reduce the need for people to travel to driver licensing offices.

- **Vehicle Titling & Registrations** – Any vehicle title requirements, registrations, in-transit tags, or motor carrier temporary documents due to expire on or after March 1st will be extended until 30 days after this executive order is lifted.

- **IFTA requirements** – Any Nebraska penalties or interest associated with late filing of quarterly returns for members of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) will be waived.

- **Ignition Interlock Providers** – Monthly inspection and reporting requirements under the ignition interlock program will be provided a two-week extension period for all existing interlock customers. Additional extensions may be available, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will continue to look at ways to assist our customers impacted by the restrictions put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

All Nebraska residents are encouraged to take advantage of the dozens of online services available at dmv.nebraska.gov.

Complete text of the executive order is available by clicking here.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20–05
CORONA VIRUS – MOTOR VEHICLE TITLING, REGISTRATION & DRIVER LICENSE WAIVER

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it necessary to practice social distancing for the health and safety of all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, state law and regulations requires that certain Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' documents and licenses be submitted and renewed in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the number of in-person contacts as well as to reduce the required staffing levels of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles for the public health and safety of the state of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, counties have continued to close local offices thereby reducing the ability to continue to issue and process Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' documents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this waiver of specific requirements of laws governing motor vehicle titles, registrations, licenses, and permits.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. All titles, handicap parking permits, in-transits, temporary vehicle registrations, and vehicle registrations issued under Articles 1 & 3 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 that expire on or after March 1, 2020 are hereby valid from the date of this order until 30 days after the lifting of the declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents. Pursuant to this paragraph, under Article 27 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 77, section 2703 (1)(i), any late penalties and interest that would be required after 30 days are hereby waived. Pursuant to this paragraph, under Article 14 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 66, any late filing penalties and interest are hereby waived.
2. Expiration dates for all valid Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles identification cards, driver licenses, and commercial driver licenses issued under Article 4 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 and other conditional or provisional permits that expire on or after March 1, 2020, are hereby extended until 30 days after the lifting of the declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles. A person who is not eligible to drive due to suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial may use licenses or identification cards for identification purposes only.

3. All statutory requirements and deadlines set forth in Articles 1, 3, and 4 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits, titles, liens, certificates of registration, and other documents by the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents are hereby waived until 30 days after the lifting of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents.

4. All ignition interlock device installation and service providers governed by the regulations set forth in 250 NAC Chapter 1 are allowed a two-week extension for all monthly service for existing interlock customers. Additional extensions may be available beyond this initial extension on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 19th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Pete Ricketts, Governor

[Signature]
Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
COVID-19 Executive Order Impacting DMV Related Services...

The attached Executive Order has been signed by the Governor and is now in effect. Also attached are the Governor's press release and FAQ documents to assist with determining the impact of the Executive Order.

The Order addresses the expiration/validity of registrations and driver licenses, extension of the validity of in-transits, and extension or waiver of many other driver license and vehicle related requirements.

To be very direct, the impact to your title and registration related processes include the following:

Customers may continue to renew registrations via existing avenues you/we have provided (online, mail, telephone, or in-office where available).

If a customer is not able to renew their registration and it expires after March 1st, the registration will continue to be valid until 30 days beyond the date the Governor lifts the emergency declaration.
If a customer has purchased a vehicle and not yet titled or registered the vehicle:

- In-transits will remain valid until 30 days beyond the date the Governor lifts the emergency declaration.
- If no in-transit (private party sale) the owner may continue to legally operate until 30 days beyond the date the Governor lifts the emergency declaration.
- All sales tax penalties and interest may be waived. Short term VicToRy change, beginning tomorrow no penalty and interest will be calculated. Longer-term VicToRy change to be deployed later (possibly next week). This short-term change results in the inability for you to perform a sales tax fix in cases where penalty and interest were previously calculated (the penalty and interest will be removed during the fix).

If a customer has purchased a used vehicle with an out-of-state title the above applies; however, in the scenario where a lien needs to be noted within 30 days of purchase (by either the purchaser or a dealer):

- The requirement for an inspection may be waived if your county sheriff has reduced their services. VicToRy change being deployed tonight has a new COVID-19 exemption option.

If a customer has sold or traded-in a vehicle the 60-day refund and credit periods have been extended to 30 days beyond the date the Governor lifts the emergency declaration.

- For refund scenarios use existing override option in VicToRy, override reason = COVID-19.
- We are reviewing what/if changes need to be made to account for credits beyond 60 days.

Cancellation dates for NSF registrations and mandatory title recalls are being extended to 30 days beyond the date the Governor lifts the emergency declaration.
- Beginning tonight we have unscheduled the job that stages all cases.

- Longer term solution will be for us to separate the mandatory title recall and NSF cases from all other cases (this will allow for all cases to be auto-staged with the exception of mandatory title recall and NSF cases).

We quickly made changes to VicToRy to accommodate the Executive Order, as stated above we will continue to improve those changes to ensure we provide you the best mechanism to manage the processes.

If you have questions or need further information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Vehicle Titling & Registration FAQ on Gov. Ricketts Executive Order on DMV Requirements

- Will I get new tags for my vehicle if I register online?
  - Yes, while many county offices are closed to the public, all are still processing and mailing registrations at this time.

- Do I have to wait until after the executive order is lifted to renew my license plate/registration?
  - No, you can renew your registration online at dmv.nebraska.gov or through the mail to your local county treasurer’s office.

- What if I am traveling out of state with expired tags?
  - When traveling out of state with expired tags, we recommend carrying a copy of the Governor’s executive order showing they remain valid until 30 days after the executive order is lifted.

- Can I continue to use my in-transit stickers?
  - Yes, the executive order extends the expiration date for in-transit stickers for 30 days until after the executive order is lifted.

- What if I do not have in-transit stickers (purchased privately)?
  - Proof of purchase (properly assigned title and bill of sale), including the purchase date, should be carried in the vehicle.
  - The executive order extends the deadline by which titling and registration must be completed.

- What if I recently moved counties or have out of state license plates?
  - The requirement to register your vehicle in Nebraska still remains; however, the deadline by which this must be completed has been extended until 30 days after the executive order is lifted.
  - County offices closed to walk-in traffic continue to offer services through alternative methods. Please check with your county to determine what options are available.
What if I recently purchased a vehicle with an out-of-state title and need an inspection?
  o While inspections are still required, the deadline by which these must be completed has been extended by the Governor’s executive order until 30 days after the order is lifted.
  o If the vehicle purchase was financed and a lien is required to be noted, contact your county treasurer for assistance.

What if I recently purchased a vehicle with an out-of-state title and need an inspection?
  o While inspections are still required, the deadline by which these must be completed has been extended by the Governor’s executive order until 30 days after the order is lifted.
  o If the vehicle purchase was financed and a lien is required to be noted, contact your county treasurer for assistance.

What if I have financed the purchase of a vehicle and need a title issued and/or lien noted?
  o County offices closed to walk-in traffic continue to offer services through alternative methods. Please check with your county to determine what options are available.

If I am not able to register my recently purchased vehicle will there be a penalty for late payment of sales tax?
  o No, the Governor’s executive order will waive penalties for late payment of sales tax until 30 days after the order is lifted.

Do I have to wait until after the executive order is lifted to renew my handicap parking permit?
  o No, you can renew your handicap parking permit by requesting your health care provider to submit your application online at dmv.nebraska.gov.

What if I need a handicap parking permit?
  o Your health care provider can submit your application online at dmv.nebraska.gov.
Driver Licensing FAQ on Gov. Ricketts Executive Order on DMV Requirements

- What if I need a drive test to obtain my permit or license?
  - Unfortunately, no driver licensing offices are administering drive tests during this time. You will have to wait to obtain your document until normal operations resume.

- Will I get a temporary license if I renew online?
  - No, but whereas previously you could go to your local County Treasurer’s office to obtain one, we are asking our customers to refrain from doing so.

- What if law enforcement stops me and I don’t have my temporary license?
  - Law enforcement have a method of checking the status of your license against the DMV database.
  - We are communicating with law enforcement partners to make sure they are aware of these changes.

- Will I still get my renewed license in the mail?
  - Yes, production and mailing of driver licenses is continuing at this time.

- Do I have to wait until after the executive order is lifted to renew my license?
  - No, you can renew your driver license up to 90 days before it expires.

- What if I need to fly, or travel out of state?
  - Your driver’s license or state ID remains valid, although we would recommend carrying a copy of the Governor’s executive order when traveling.
  - TSA have advised they will accept for identification purposes, credentials which expired on or after March 1. TSA will accept expired driver’s licenses a year after the expiration date, plus 60 days after the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency.

- Do I need to have my picture taken again if I renew online?
  - No, you can renew online and the picture from your previous license will be used.
- Can I get a new CDL?
  - While testing is not being conducted by State DMV team members, 3rd party testers may still be operating at this time.
  - Written testing and issuance may be completed at a County Treasurer location or any of our driver licensing offices.
  - Law enforcement have a method of checking the status of your license against the DMV database.
  - We are communicating with law enforcement partners to make sure they are aware of these changes.

- Can I renew my CDL online?
  - Yes, most CDL holders can renew their license online.

- If I have completed my CDL testing with a third party, am I still able to get my CDL?
  - Yes, you can complete this process at a County Treasurer location or any of our driver licensing offices.
  - Law enforcement have a method of checking the status of your license against the DMV database.
  - We are communicating with law enforcement partners to make sure they are aware of these changes.

- What if I am new to the state don’t hold a Nebraska license?
  - You may be able to obtain a new driver’s license by visiting one of our offices; however, we would encourage you to wait until after the executive order has been lifted.

- What if I have taken a driver safety course and need to obtain a School Permit or Provisional Operator’s Permit?
  - If you are 15-18 years old and have passed a driver safety course at an approved driver training school, you are able to apply for your Provisional Operator’s Permit (POP) or School Permit (SCP) online.

- Can I move from a School Permit to a Provisional Operator’s Permit to a full license (Class O) online?
  - Yes, you can complete this entire process online.

- What if I need to obtain a Learner’s Permit?
- A written test needs to be completed in order to obtain a Learner’s Permit. This can be completed at any of our driver licensing offices.

- What if I have taken a driver safety course, but my school hasn’t uploaded my drive test results?
  - The Department requires a copy of your testing results before a permit or license can be issued.
  - Please contact your driver training school to determine if/when they will upload your results.

- What if I need to rent a car?
  - Your Nebraska driver’s license is still valid while the executive order is in effect.
  - You may want to contact the rental car company to make sure they are aware of the order and carry a copy of the order if you will be traveling out of state.

- What if I need my ID for a bar, restaurant, or grocery store?
  - Your existing driver’s license or state identification card is still valid until 30 days after the executive order has been lifted.

- Does the executive order apply to lawful status license holders?
  - Your existing driver’s license or state identification card is still valid until 30 days after the executive order has been lifted.
  - You may be able visit an office that is open so that a verification check of your USCIS document(s), which requires visual inspection, before any licensing or State ID Card documents can be issued.
Motor Carrier FAQ on Gov. Ricketts Executive Order on DMV Requirements

- Will I still need to complete my quarterly filings?
  - Yes, you are still required to complete quarterly filings; however, the Governor's executive order waives all Nebraska penalties and interest which may have been incurred.

- Can I still register my motor carrier vehicles and trailers?
  - Yes, we would encourage you to complete your registration through mail, fax, or electronically. Payment can be made online at dmv.nebraska.gov.
  - Our contact information is:
    301 Centennial Mall South,
    PO Box 94729
    Lincoln, NE 68509-4729
    
    Fax: 402-471-4024 or 402-471-3920

    Communication form: https://dmv.nebraska.gov/motor-carrier-trucking-web-application-help

- Do I still need a temporary registration document?
  - The Division is continuing to issue temporary registration documents at this time.
  - The Governor's executive order extends the expiration of these temporary registrations until 30 days after the order is lifted.

- Can I still receive a temporary IRP and/or IFTA registration/decal for newly added vehicles and lost plates?
  - Yes, the Division is continuing to issue registration and decals.

- Can I still obtain a title for my vehicle?
  - Yes, motor carrier titles are still being issued.
Suspensions and Reinstatements FAQ on Gov. Ricketts Executive Order on DMV Requirements

- Do I no longer need to reinstate my license?
  - The executive order only extends valid driver licenses which expired on or after March 1.
  - You are still required to complete all necessary requirements in order to reinstate your license.

- I have met my reinstatement requirements but I am unable to complete all testing. What can I do?
  - Reinstatement requirements and the need for testing will vary by individual.
  - As drive tests are not being conducted until further notice, it may not be possible to obtain your license at this time.

- Can I still pay my citation to the court?

- Need to complete driver improvement course for underage point accumulation, or employment driving permit, but the registered course has been cancelled?
  - Contact the agency that has cancelled the course and have them provide proof of registration, your permit/license will not be suspended. Additional time will be allowed for completion of the course.

- I need a driver’s license to obtain my vehicle from impound. What can I do?
  - The DMV will issue a reinstatement letter which can be provided to impound lots, and will work with impound lots to resolve any concerns.

- How can I complete a crash report if I am quarantined?
  - Crash reporting can be completed online at dot.nebraska.gov.
  - Alternatively, you can print and mail a Driver’s Vehicle Crash Report, found at dot.nebraska.gov.
• I want to pay reinstatement fee but do not want to do so online. What options do I have?
  o Team members are available during regular business hours at 402-471-3985 if you would prefer to pay via telephone. LiveChat is also available on our website at dmv.nebraska.gov.

• Can I wait until after the executive order is lifted to have my ignition interlock inspected?
  o No, the executive order provides an additional two week grace period to allow for inspection but does not waive the requirement.

• Can I still obtain and Ignition Interlock Permit?
  o You may be able to obtain an ignition interlock permit online at dmv.nebraska.gov – some exceptions apply and can be viewed online