Amended Executive Directive Eight (2020)

Directing the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police
to Continue Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Importance of the Issue

Since issuing Executive Directive Eight on March 19, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. Data collected by the Virginia Department of Health, however, shows that the virus continues to spread across the state adversely affecting thousands of Virginians. Therefore, it is necessary to extend and expand certain actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) to undertake the following measures:

- Continue suspension of the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections (MVSI) required under § 46.2-1157 of the Code of Virginia.

- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period in which a new resident must get a Virginia driver’s license required under § 46.2-308 of the Code of Virginia.

- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period in which a new resident must register his/her vehicle required under by § 46.2-662 of the Code of Virginia.

- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period temporary residents may operate vehicles with out-of-state plates required under § 46.2-656 of the Code of Virginia.

- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the expiration of temporary license plates issued by a dealer when a person buys a car required under §§ 46.2-1542 and 46.2-1565 of the Code of Virginia.


Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive

This Amended Executive Directive amends Executive Directive Eight and shall unless sooner amended or rescinded remain in full force and effect until July 31, 2020.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23rd day of April, 2020.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth