



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER NINE (2018)

#### **DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXPIRING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, an information technology equipment failure temporarily interrupted the electronic services provided by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. This disruption greatly impacted the ability of many Virginians to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards. On April 27, 2018, I verbally directed the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to extend the validity period for expiring licenses and identification cards for a period of one week. This unforeseen disruption of services places citizens at risk of suffering fines and other costs resulting from their inability to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards in a timely manner.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby confirm, ratify, and memorialize in writing that verbal directive issued on April 27, 2018, whereby, it was determined that the Department of Motor Vehicles suffered a disruption in service that prevented the Department from processing applications for renewal of driver's licenses and identification cards.

In order to prevent any further hardship to the citizens of Virginia, and in accordance with my authority contained in §§ 46.2-330(A) and 46.2-345 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the directors of such other executive branch agencies as deem appropriate in their discretion, to extend the validity period of Virginia driver's licenses, learner's permits, commercial driver's

licenses, and identification cards issued by the Commonwealth that expire April 26, 2018, through April 30, 2018, until May 4, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective retroactively from April 26, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until May 4, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth