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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2020

TO: Mac Warner
Secretary of State

FROM: Everett Frazier, Commissioner 
Division of Motor Vehicles

RE: Suspension of Examination and Issuance of Driver's Licenses
CSR 91-4.

On March 16, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in response to the public health risks posed by the Coronavirus epidemic in West Virginia, which proclamation "delegate[s] to all state agencies the ability to suspend rules, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency" pursuant the Governor's authority set forth in W. Va. Code 15-5-6(c)(7).

91 CSR 4 establishes a process for the examination of drivers and the issuance of driver's licenses and provides guidance for the renewal of a driver's license or identification card online. The rule currently prohibits the online renewal of any driver's license or identification card online with, among other things, a change of address. This provision limits the ability of citizens to renew a driver's license or identification card remotely and requires face to face service when a change of address has occurred since last issuance. 91 CSR 4.7A.1.b. concerning the online renewal of driver's licenses and identification cards with changes is suspended for the sole purpose of allowing a change of address to be accomplished through an online process.

All previous rule suspensions for 91 CSR 4 remain in effect and the rules hereby suspended shall remain suspended until such time as the State of Emergency is lifted.