



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN (2015)**

### **DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXPIRING LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

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

On January 30, 2015, an internal power disruption temporarily interrupted the electronic services provided by the Commonwealth's data center. This disruption greatly impacted the ability of many Virginians to renew their driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. On January 31, 2015, I verbally directed the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to extend the validity period for expiring licenses and registrations 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 timely renew their mandatory credentials.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby confirm, ratify, and memorialize in writing that verbal directive issued on January 31, 2015, 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 vehicle registrations.

In order to prevent any further hardship to the citizens of Virginia, and in accordance with my authority contained in §§ 46.2-330, 46.2-345, 46.2-646A, and 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and such other executive branch agencies as deem appropriate in their discretion, to extend the validity period of Virginia driver's licenses, special identification cards, permits, vehicle registration and other licenses or credentials issued by the Commonwealth that expire

during the period from January 31, 2015 through February 6, 2015 until February 7, 2015. I request that the Department of Motor Vehicles and such other executive branch agencies as deem appropriate in their discretion, to waive any late fees associated with January registrations, licenses, permits, or credential renewals that are submitted on or before February 7, 2015. I further request that all appropriate executive branch agencies exercise their discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any other pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to the January 30<sup>th</sup> internal power interruption at the Commonwealth's data center.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective retroactively from January 30, 2015, and shall remain in full force and effect until February 7, 2015.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.



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Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

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Levar M. Stoney, Secretary of the Commonwealth