

**Colorado Department of Revenue  
Division of Motor Vehicles  
Adoption of Temporary Emergency Rule Concerning**

New Emergency Rule, Division of Motor Vehicles- Driver License Section, 1 CCR 204-30, Temporary Rule 18

Temporary Rule 18- Automatic Extension of Drivers Licenses and Commercial Drivers Licenses

**Statement of Emergency Justification and Adoption**

The Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) hereby adopts emergency rule 18 under the authority granted in sections 24-4-103(6) and 42-2-101(8)(a), C.R.S.

Section 24-4-103(6), C.R.S., authorizes the DMV to adopt a temporary or emergency rule if the DMV finds that the immediate adoption of the rule is imperatively necessary to comply with a state law or for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare and compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S., would be contrary to the public interest.

I find that the immediate adoption of this new rule is necessary in order to address the problem of expiring drivers licenses for Colorado residents between the ages of 21 and 65 during the period of the current public health crisis related to COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the Governor’s orders related to social distancing, and because DMV locations for renewing a driver license are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I therefore find that the emergency adoption of this new rule is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare. Finally, I find that compliance with the requirements of section §24-4-103, C.R.S., would be contrary to the public interest under the circumstances.

**Statutory Authority**

The statutory authority for the creation of this new rule is stated above, including sections 24-4-103(6) and 42-2-101(8)(a), C.R.S.

**Basis and Purpose**

Section 42-2-101, C.R.S., requires a person operating a motor vehicle to have in their possession a valid license for the class of vehicle being operated. Section 42-2-101(8)(a), C.R.S., provides that where necessary as an emergency measure to avoid an imminent public injury not caused by the driver and which is of sufficient gravity that, according to ordinary standards of intelligence and morality, the desirability and urgency of avoiding the injury clearly outweighs the desirability of avoiding the injury sought to be prevented by this section, a driver need not have a current driver license or commercial driver license. The purpose of this emergency rule is to allow Colorado residents between the ages of 21 and 65, whose credential expires between March 18, 2020 and May 31, 2020, to receive an automatic extension of their driver license (“DL”) and commercial driver license (“CDL”) credential for a period of sixty (60) days, that is, up to July 31, 2020. A letter will be mailed to the address on file informing the customer of the extension, and that they do not need to take any further action at this time.

**Adoption**

For the reasons above, I hereby adopt Temporary Rule 18, which is attached hereto and which shall be effective on the date of its adoption. This emergency rule shall be in force and effect until July 31, 2020, at which time Temporary Rule 18 will expire, unless sooner terminated or replaced by permanent rules adopted in accordance with § 24-4-104, C.R.S.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2020

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Executive Director

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Date