OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 112223

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, ORDER AMENDING OFFICIAL ORDER # 112155 TO CONCLUDE 90-DAY EXTENSION PERIOD FOR KENTUCKY OPERATOR’S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERMITS

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a mitigation measure, individuals showing symptoms of illness are encouraged to self-isolate and all individuals in the Commonwealth are encouraged to practice social distancing and this Official Order is in furtherance of these goals; and

WHEREAS, the Governor subsequently directed that all government offices offering in-person services close to the public indefinitely, including all driver’s license issuance locations.

WHEREAS, circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak made it difficult or impossible for a number of Kentucky driver’s license holders to timely renew their drivers’ licenses, PERMITS OR IDENTIFICATION CARDS; and

WHEREAS, KRS 186.4101 requires a license to operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle or moped be renewed every eight (8) years prior to its expiration date; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in my by Executive Order 2020-215, I entered Official Order # 112155, which, among other things, extended the renewal date for all Kentucky operator’s licenses, identification cards, and permits for a 90-day period subsequent to their current expiration date, declaring all such licenses, identification cards, and permits in full force and effect for the 90-day period as if timely renewed; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-396 declaring executive branch state government office re-opened May 18, 2020 for limited in person services pursuant to #HealthyAtWork minimum requirements for all entities as well as the Requirements for State Government Offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Official Order # 112211, individuals whose operator’s license, permit or identification cards expired from the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 could renew these credentials by mail or on-line; and
WHEREAS, Circuit Clerks’ offices and some Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regional driver licensing office across the Commonwealth are now offering in person services for the issuance of operator’s licenses, permits and identification cards; and

WHEREAS, County Clerks throughout the state have and will be required to utilize the majority of their staff in order to administer the upcoming primary election, thus necessitating the retention of the 90-day extension period of vehicle registration certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicles tag certificates, handicapped parking permits and all other licenses, registrations, certificates or permits mandated by the Department of Vehicle Registration and administered by the County Clerks referenced in Official Order #112155,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Executive Order 2020-215 and KRS 39A, I hereby declare:

1. That the provisions of Official Order # 112155 providing for a 90-day renewal date extension for expired Kentucky operator’s licenses, identification cards and permits shall cease and be declared null and void as of 11:59 p.m. on July 6, 2020 and no Kentucky operator’s license, identification card or permit on its face expiring after that date shall be extended 90-days. Any operator’s license, identification card or permit expiring before July 6 shall be extended 90-days. All Kentucky operator’s licenses, identification cards and permits which expire on or after July 7, 2020 will be required to be renewed in person at the individual’s respective Circuit Clerk’s office on or before the date of expiration in order to be valid and effective.

2. The remaining provisions of Official Order #112155, relating to the 90-day extension period of vehicle registration certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle tag certificates, handicapped parking permits and all other licenses, registrations, certificates or permits mandated by the Department of Vehicle Registration and administered by the County Clerks, is amended to provide that all the aforementioned items expiring prior to October 6, 2020 are hereby extended and shall remain in full force and effect without penalty until October 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. at which time the entirety of Official Order #112155 shall be repealed and it declared null and void.

Jim Gray, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Done this 25th date of June, 2020 at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Approved as to form and legality:

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