



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2021-939
December 15, 2021

STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF KRS 186.531

Beginning on December 10, 2021, and continuing, a powerful severe weather system generating heavy rain, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and strong straight-line winds impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, causing death and injury, flash flooding, loss of power, damage to public infrastructure and private properties;

These conditions endanger public health and safety and/or public and private property;

In particular, the severe weather system caused Kentuckians to lose their state-issued driver's licenses or state-issued personal identification cards, inhibiting their ability to drive or obtain necessities of life such as access to bank accounts;

State and local governments share responsibility for the protection of public health, safety, and security, as well as for the protection of public and private property and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services;

KRS 186.531 assesses certain fees that individuals must pay to obtain a duplicate state-issued operator's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card;

The Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Administrative Office of the Courts recommend a suspension of the provisions of KRS 186.531(2) and (3) that assess a certain fee for issuance of duplicate state-issued operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards during the state of emergency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** that:

1. In accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Administrative Office of the Courts, KRS 186.531(2) and (3) related to the assessment of fees for duplicate state-issued operator's licenses, instruction permits, or personal identification cards are hereby suspended through January 28, 2022.
2. The fee to obtain a duplicate state-issued operator's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card under KRS 186.531(2) and (3) shall not be assessed through January 28, 2022.
3. This order shall apply to Kentucky residents in the following Kentucky counties: Boyle, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Casey, Christian, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Greene, Hardin, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Meade, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Todd, and Warren.



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This order is effective December 15, 2021.

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ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State



**DANIEL CAMERON
ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

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Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 2021-939, titled a “State of Emergency Relating to Suspension of KRS 186.531,” which in relevant part suspends the operation of KRS 186.531(2) and (3); and,

Whereas, KRS 39A.180(2)(b) provides that the Governor may suspend a statute by executive order when an emergency is declared if the executive order specifying the suspension is approved by the Attorney General in writing:

NOW THEREFORE, having reviewed Executive Order 2021-939 and finding that the suspension of KRS 186.531(2) and (3) as provided for therein is appropriate, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.180(2)(b), I, Daniel Cameron, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby **APPROVE** Executive Order 2021-939.

So **ORDERED** this the 15th day of December, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Cameron".

Daniel Cameron
Attorney General
Department of Law