

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17a-3-24

§17A-3-24. Emergency waiver of registration and licensing requirements; conditions and limitations; statement of purpose; length of emergency waiver period; promulgation of rules.

(a) The Governor may authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or his or her designee to waive temporarily any requirements under the provisions of this chapter, or any other provision of this code relating to any permits, authorizations or licenses required to operate a motor vehicle in this state: Provided, That such temporary waiver shall be for the sole purpose of facilitating the response of motor carriers providing humanitarian relief during time of emergency officially declared by the president of the United States, the Governor of this state or the chief executive of any other state or jurisdiction: Provided, however, That the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The driver of any such vehicle shall be properly licensed in his state of residency;

(2) The motor vehicle to be operated is properly licensed and registered in this or any other state; and

(3) The motor vehicle to be operated satisfies all motor vehicle insurance requirements or provisions of its state of registration.

(b) Proof of the insurance required by subdivision (3), subsection (a) of this section shall be carried in the cab of the motor vehicle.

(c) Any motor vehicle operating pursuant to this section shall be issued a statement from the person or entity authorizing the transport of such goods or materials certifying that the motor carrier is providing humanitarian relief without compensation on a volunteer basis and including a description of materials or goods being transported during the time of declared emergency while it is in this state. Such statement shall be carried in the cab of the motor vehicle and be made available for inspection upon request of the commissioner, any of his or her designees, or any law-enforcement officer.

(d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall determine at the time the temporary waiver is issued the length of time such waiver shall be in effect: Provided, That all temporary waivers issued pursuant to this section shall become void upon the termination of the time of emergency as determined by the president of the United States, the Governor of this state or the chief executive of any other state or jurisdiction.