

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-032

***STATE OF EMERGENCY
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES***

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the Governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, through its services, offices, and officers, has general authority for the security and physical safety of the citizens and property of Louisiana, the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to criminal conduct, the rehabilitation of youthful offenders, automobile and highway safety, motor vehicles and drivers, and fire protection;

WHEREAS, the Department's public safety services include the Office of Motor Vehicles which is charged with performing the functions of the state relative to the examination and

licensing of drivers of motor vehicles within the state, the suspension and revocation of such licenses, the approval of driver education programs, issuance of vehicle title and registration certificates, recordation of liens against motor vehicles, and the collection of appropriate fees and motor vehicle sales tax;

WHEREAS, the OMV has consistently experienced system outages, leading to the closure of field offices and preventing public tag agents from processing driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and reinstatement transactions;

WHEREAS, the OMV application and database are over 50 years old and operate on more than 400 programs written in a programming language that is over 60 years old, making support options both limited and costly due to its outdated and complex nature;

WHEREAS, the OMV system has not been purged since 2008;

WHEREAS, modern applications instituted to create public efficiency are instead taxing the mainframe and causing crippling delays for the public;

WHEREAS, the Office of Motor Vehicles continually experiences issues with searches for VIN numbers, driver's license numbers, and license plates;

WHEREAS, during periods of high transaction volume, the mainframe frequently enters a suspended state as it struggles to keep up with demand;

WHEREAS, the current mainframe lacks redundancies, leaving the system vulnerable to disruptions;

WHEREAS, the current mainframe is out of space for new license plates, new indicators on driver's licenses, and new flags on driver's licenses;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Office of Motor Vehicles to procure and implement a modernized system to effectively carry out its responsibilities, including driver examination and licensing, license suspension and revocation, vehicle title and registration issuance, lien recordation, and the collection of motor vehicle-related fees and taxes;

WHEREAS, past administrations attempted to procure a new system for OMV but failed to implement it.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the safety and property of the citizens in Louisiana.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the following provisions are hereby suspended: the Louisiana Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551 *et seq.*); the Louisiana Information Technology Procurement Code (R.S. 39:196-200) and the provisions of R.S. 32:412 (A)(7)(a) governing the expiration of Class "E" driver's licenses and R.S. 32:412(D)(2) which imposes a fifteen dollar late fee for the renewal of a license which expired more than ten days prior to the date of the application.

Section 3: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this event.

Section 4: This Order is effective from the date of the emergency, Thursday March 20, 2025, and shall continue in effect until Saturday, April 19, 2025, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of March, 2025.



JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE