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## State of South Carolina

### Department of Motor Vehicles

#### EXTENSIONS TO SCDMV DOCUMENT EXPIRATIONS

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is diligently working to ensure the agency continues to perform its essential operations as we respond to the impacts of Hurricane Helene in South Carolina. For these reasons, I am putting the following guidelines in place to assist our citizens:

- Treat all identification cards, non-commercial driver's licenses, beginner's permits, and parking placards for people with disabilities with expiration dates from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, as valid until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All public and private businesses, companies, agencies, and organizations of any kind are urged to accept these documents as valid. (*Commercial driver's licenses (CDL), commercial learner's permits (CLP), will be extended if and when guidance is issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).*)
- All state-registered vehicles, with registrations that expire in September 2024 will be valid until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Because some state residents are not able to pay vehicle property taxes in counties that are or will be closed to the public and because closure of county offices may delay issuance of tax bills, the Department of Motor Vehicles will suspend the collection of late fees for late vehicle registration renewals and suspend the suspension of driver's licenses for failure to pay property taxes for registration renewals that expire in September 2024 until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Treat all traceable temporary license plates with expiration dates of September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 31, 2024 as valid until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Vehicles that have expired temporary plates that are not properly titled and registered within 45 days after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 will be considered as having expired registrations.

We ask all law enforcement agencies in South Carolina to take these measures into consideration. It is understood that expired South Carolina driver's licenses, beginner's permits, commercial driver's licenses, or commercial learner's permits and vehicle license plates may not be recognized outside of South Carolina. It is suggested, however, that a copy of this guidance be maintained by drivers or inside vehicles that fall into categories addressed above.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin A. Shwedo".

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