

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2019-9

***HURRICANE BARRY - EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS AND PERSONNEL LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS LICENSED OUT-OF-
STATE***

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2019;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760, *et seq.*, a state of public health emergency was declared to exist in the entire State of Louisiana by Proclamation Number 112 JBE 2019;
- WHEREAS,** Hurricane Barry has caused or will cause significant flooding that is currently straining and is expected to continue to strain medical infrastructure throughout the state;
- WHEREAS,** such flooding poses a threat to citizens and communities across Louisiana and creates conditions which place lives and property in a state of jeopardy;
- WHEREAS,** many citizens have suffered or will suffer injury and/or illness;
- WHEREAS,** the number of medical professionals and personnel currently available to the State to respond to this emergency is insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement their number in order to serve those affected by this disaster;
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to immediately supplement the number of licensed Emergency Medical Technicians, including the designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), currently available to the State to respond to this emergency in order to serve those who might be affected by it;
- WHEREAS,** Emergency Medical Technicians, including the designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basis (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), licensed in states other than Louisiana are available to provide medical aid and assistance to those persons affected by this emergency;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 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, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:766 authorizes the Governor, during a declared state of public health emergency, to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for the conducting of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Health and the State Health Officer have requested that the Louisiana state statutes, laws, rules, and regulations related to licensing of Emergency Medical Technicians, including designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-D, and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), medical professionals and personnel be temporarily suspended for those such persons duly licensed to practice in other states who wish to provide their services in Louisiana to those persons needing medical services as a result of this emergency.

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

SECTION 1: The Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel (including but not limited to, physicians, nurses, or any “health care professional” as defined in La. R.S. 22:2392) are hereby suspended for those medical professionals and personnel from other states or other countries offering medical services in Louisiana to those needing medical services as a result of or in connection with this disaster, provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure, practice in good faith and within the scope of practice limitations set forth in La. R.S. 29:788, and cease practicing in Louisiana upon the termination or rescission of this Order, or any extension thereof.

SECTION 2: The Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations regarding the licensure of Emergency Medical Technicians, including designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P) are hereby temporarily suspended for Emergency Medical Technicians duly licensed to practice in other states who wish to provide their services to those persons needing services as a result of or in connection with this declared emergency. An individual currently licensed and in good standing as an Emergency Medical Technician, including designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-D, and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), in another state may practice in Louisiana, subject to the following conditions, qualifications, and parameters:

- A. The individual must be duly licensed and in good standing in another state.
- B. The individual must practice in good faith and within the scope of practice limitations set forth in La. R.S. 29:788.
- C. The individual must cease practicing in Louisiana upon the termination or rescission of this Order, or any extension thereof.

SECTION 3: All out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel and all out-of-state Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), offering services in the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall submit to the State Health Officer, or his designee at the

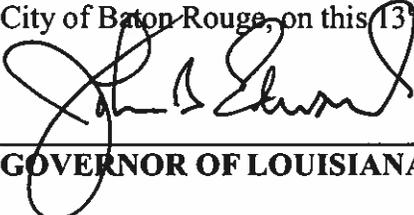
Office of Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health, a copy of their respective professional license and photo identification, together with any other forms or documents the State Health Officer may require, by contacting the Office of Public Health, Louisiana Volunteers in Action (LAVA) program (<https://www.lava.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.php>) at 225-354-3569, 225-354-3573, 225-354-3566, or dhhvol@la.gov.

SECTION 4:

This Order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from Friday, July 12, 2019 until Friday, July 26, 2019, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

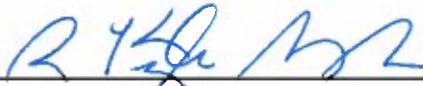


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of July, 2019.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



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