



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 166 JBE 2021

AMENDMENT TO STATE OF EMERGENCY – HURRICANE IDA

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation Number 165 JBE 2020;
- WHEREAS,** Hurricane Ida is predicted to make landfall on the Louisiana coast as a major hurricane on Sunday, August 29, 2021, bringing devastating winds, widespread power-outages, and severe damage to Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** the damage resulting from Hurricane Ida poses a threat to citizens and communities in the storm's path and will create conditions which place lives and property in the state in jeopardy;
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana, recognizing the significant impact of Hurricane Ida, desires to minimize this impact on the residents and assist communities in their recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** La. 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.

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: Section 3 of Proclamation Number 165 JBE 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

- SECTION 3: A)** Pursuant to the La. R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.
- B)** Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551, *et seq.*) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this emergency, including emergency contracts,

cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

- C) Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the provisions of La. R.S. 39:126 regarding prior approval of change orders are hereby suspended.

SECTION 2: The provisions of La. R.S. 40:2116(D)(2) are hereby suspended for the purpose of allowing the Secretary of the Department of Health, at her discretion, to establish such protocols, policies, and procedures as to allow a licensed nursing facility which accepts or receives evacuated residents to temporarily exceed its licensed bed capacity in the event of a declared emergency. The Secretary of the Department of Health may establish such protocols, policies, and procedures without strict compliance with the requirements and provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

SECTION 3: A) Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel 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 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 and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability.

B) All out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel offering services in the State of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall continue to 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.

SECTION 4: Unless otherwise provided in this order, these provisions are effective from Thursday, August 26, 2021 to Friday, September 24, 2021, or as extended by any subsequent Proclamation, unless terminated sooner.

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 27th day of August, 2021.




GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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