



TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 114434

**SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EXEMPTION OF HOURS OF SERVICE
AND STOPPAGE AT WEIGH STATIONS**

WHEREAS, a state of emergency exists in Ohio and potentially other states in the surrounding areas due to strong storms and high winds in the area, severe weather having been forecasted, and several states may suffer considerable damage and economic loss from strong storms and high winds due to changes in the weather pattern, and accordingly, pursuant to KRS 189.233, and 49 CFR 390.23, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists requiring relief from the hours of service imposed on commercial vehicles providing power restoration and debris removal within the affected areas. This shall include any commercial vehicle responding to affected areas in response to power restoration and debris removal; and

WHEREAS, states are working in concert to assist with relief efforts in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, weather conditions have caused or may cause an emergency of national scope and the Commonwealth of Kentucky seeks to render mutual aid to assist in the federal and state disaster response; and

WHEREAS, weather conditions may cause and/or contribute to widespread electrical outages to a significant portion of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, thus affecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 395, 49 CFR 390.23, 601 KAR 1:005 impose maximum driving time upon the drivers of commercial vehicles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 189.233, and 49 CFR 390.23, I hereby declare:

1. That a state of emergency exists requiring relief from the hours of service imposed on commercial vehicles providing power restoration and debris removal; and
2. That conditions exist further requiring a waiver of stopping at all weigh stations for these commercial vehicles responding to the affected areas; and



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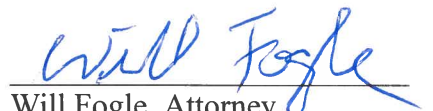
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3. The provisions of this order shall expire in fourteen (14) days or when a state of emergency no longer exists; and
4. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23, I hereby waive 49 C.F.R. Section 395.3 for vehicles transporting loads that are for use in (1) providing direct assistance supporting emergency relief efforts including transporting essential fuels, food, water, non-alcoholic beverages, medical supplies, feed for livestock and poultry, (2) transporting livestock, poultry, and crops ready to be harvested, or (3) the restoration of utility and transportation services in response to the Severe Weather Event in Commonwealth of Kentucky for fourteen (14) days.
5. That all other safety requirements shall remain in full force and effect;


Rebecca Goodman, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Done this 12 day of August, 2026 at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Approved as to form and legality:


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