

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-10

WHEREAS, the negative effects of weather events are being experienced and are forecasted in numerous areas in the State of Missouri, including among farmers and agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather systems forecasted for January 19, 2025, and previous storms impacting this state on January 4, 2025, have created or have the potential to create a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the people of the state of Missouri as well as livestock; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the state of Missouri may be needed to assist affected jurisdictions and to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to poultry and livestock in this state as well as to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians; and

WHEREAS, Missourians depend on an affordable food supply contingent on poultry and livestock being impacted minimally from weather events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri must continue to be proactive where the health and safety of its citizens are concerned; and

WHEREAS, a temporary suspension of current regulations on maximum driving times is necessary to the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri in order to ensure that operators of commercial motor carriers who are assisting in the aforementioned efforts within the State of Missouri can transport livestock/poultry in and across Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is currently in a State of Emergency within the meaning of 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, is required to ensure the safety and welfare of the people and livestock/poultry of Missouri and to activate the resources necessary to keep Missourians safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, including sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri within the meaning of 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23 and direct the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan activated.

I further order vehicles used in support of the transportation of products utilized by poultry and livestock producers in their farming and ranching operations be exempt from the hours-of-service requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 395, as incorporated in state law, including but not limited to Sections 307.400, 390.201, and 622.550, RSMo, and 11 CSR 30-6.010, for the duration of this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from applicable controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 382, the commercial driver's license requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 383, the financial responsibility requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 387, applicable size and weight requirements, or any portion of Federal and State regulations not specifically identified.

Additionally, nothing in this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle as described in 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23(b). Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the exemption and suspension until the out-of-service order expires or the conditions for rescission have been satisfied.

I further order, pursuant to sections 41.480 and 41.690, RSMo, the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, or his designee, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri, to protect life and property, and it is further directed that the Adjutant General or his designee, and through him, the commanding officer of any unit or other organization of such organized militia so called into active service take such action and employ such equipment as may be necessary in support of civilian authorities, and provide such assistance as may be authorized and directed by the Governor of this State.

I further order state agencies to provide assistance as needed.

This Order shall terminate on January 24, 2025, unless extended in whole or in part.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 17th day of January, 2025.



ATTEST:



MIKE KEHOE
GOVERNOR



DENNY HOSKINS
SECRETARY OF STATE