

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2025-320 May 20, 2025

# STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF KRS 186.531, KRS 186.050, KRS 186A.130

Beginning on May 16, 2025, and continuing, a severe weather system generating heavy rain, intense damaging and straight-line winds, hail and tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions including flooding, flash flooding, potential for mudslides and landslides, and causing damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties.

These conditions endanger public health and safety and/or public and private property.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by Chapter 39A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, declared by Executive Order 2025-305 on May 16, 2025, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The severe weather system caused Kentuckians to lose their state-issued driver's licenses or state-issued personal identification cards, inhibiting their ability to drive or obtain necessities of life such as access to bank accounts, and caused Kentuckians to lose their registration and certificates of title for their motor vehicles.

State and local governments share responsibility for the protection of public health, safety, and security, as well as for the protection of public and private property and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services.

KRS 186.531 assesses certain fees that individuals must pay to obtain a duplicate state-issued operator's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card.

KRS 186.050 assesses certain fees that individuals must pay to obtain a duplicate motor vehicle registration.

KRS 186A.130 assesses certain fees that individuals must pay to obtain a duplicate certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

The Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recommended a suspension of the provisions of KRS 186.531(2) and (3) that assess a certain fee for issuance of duplicate state-issued operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards during the state of emergency, and recommends a suspension of KRS 186.050 and KRS 186A.130 that assess a certain fee for the issuance of a duplicate motor vehicle registration and a duplicate certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:



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- 1. In accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, KRS 186.531(2) and (3) are hereby suspended for the duration of the state of emergency.
- 2. The fee to obtain a duplicate state-issued operator's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card under KRS 186.531(2) and (3) shall not be assessed during the state of emergency.
- 3. In accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, KRS 186.050 and KRS 186A.130 are hereby suspended for the duration of the state of emergency.
- 4. The fee to obtain a duplicate motor vehicle registration or a duplicate certificate of title for a motor vehicle under KRS 186.050 and KRS 186A.130 shall not be assessed during the state of emergency.
- 5. This order shall apply to Kentucky residents in the following Kentucky counties: Caldwell, Christian, Laurel, Pulaski, Russell, Todd, Trigg, Union, and any other county included in a Presidential Major Disaster Area Declaration or amended Presidential Major Disaster Area Declaration.

This order shall be effective May 20, 2025.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State



## RUSSELL COLEMAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 2025-320, titled a "State of Emergency Relating to Suspension of KRS 186.531, KRS 186.050, KRS 186A.130," which in relevant part suspends the operation of KRS 186.531(2) and (3); KRS 186.050; and KRS 186A.130;

Whereas, KRS 39A.180(2)(b) provides that the Governor may suspend a statute by executive order when an emergency is declared if the executive order specifying the suspension is approved by the Attorney General in writing;

Whereas, KRS 39A.090(2) provides that "executive orders, administrative regulations, or other directives issued under this chapter by the Governor" shall be in effect no longer than thirty (30) days unless otherwise approved by the General Assembly or requested by certain local government officials; and,

Whereas, I have reviewed Executive Order 2025-320 and find that the suspension of KRS 186.531(2) and (3); KRS 186.050; and KRS 186A.130 as

provided for therein is not an unreasonable exercise of the Governor's authority under KRS 39A.180(2)(b);

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.180(2)(b), I, Russell Coleman, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby APPROVE the suspension of suspension of KRS 186.531(2) and (3); KRS 186.050; and KRS 186A.130 as reflected in Executive Order 2025-320 for a period consistent with KRS 39A.090(2).

So **ORDERED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

RUSSELL COLEMAN,

Attorney General

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