

# STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

## EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-04

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, numerous counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, *et al.*, as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 20-52, as extended by Executive Order 20-114, authorizes each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL C. WEIGEL, III, Commissioner of Florida's Office of Financial Regulation ("Office"), pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, as extended by Executive Order No. 20-114, and s. 252.46, Florida Statutes, as amended, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes and administrative rules related to the Office.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

### Section 1 - Division of Consumer Finance:

For the holder of any mortgage broker or lender license issued by the Office under Chapter 494, Florida Statutes, with a mortgage call report (including the expanded call report and residential mortgage loan activity component) filing deadline occurring in the month of May 2020, the existing deadline is suspended and tolled for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline, unless extended by subsequent order.

For the holder of any money services business license issued by the Office under Chapter 560, Florida Statutes, with a quarterly report filing deadline occurring in the month of May 2020, the existing deadline is suspended and tolled for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline, unless extended by subsequent order.

For the holder of any license issued by the Office under Chapters 494 and 560, Florida Statutes, with an annual financial condition report or financial statement filing deadline occurring in the month of May 2020, the existing deadline is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.

## Section 2 - Division of Securities:

For the holder of any registration issued by the Office under Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, with an annual updating amendment or financial statement filing deadline occurring in the month of March, April, or May 2020, the existing deadline is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 26 day of June 2020, Nunc Pro Tunc May 8, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Russell C. Weigel, III

Commissioner

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Filed on this date, with the designated Agency Clerk, receipt of which is hereby

Agency Clerk's Office

acknowledged.

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