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## ESFPA Summary on Revised Executive Order Regarding Essential Businesses and New Orders March 21, 2020

This afternoon Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.8 revising Executive Order 202.6 regarding Essential and Non-Essential Businesses and establishing some new for the period from the date of Executive Order through April 19, 2020:

- The provisions of Executive Order 202.6 are hereby modified to read as follows: Effective on March 22 at 8 p.m.: All businesses and not-for-profit entities in the state shall utilize, to the maximum extent possible, any telecommuting or work from home procedures that they can safely utilize. Each employer shall **reduce the in-person workforce at any work locations by 100% no later than March 22 at 8 p.m.** Any essential business or entity providing essential services or functions shall not be subject to the in-person restrictions. **An entity providing essential services or functions whether to an essential business or a non-essential business shall not be subjected to the in-person work restriction but may operate at the level necessary to provide such service or function.** Any business violating the above order shall be subject to enforcement as if this were a violation of an order pursuant to section 12 of the Public Health Law.
- There shall be **no enforcement of either an eviction of any tenant residential or commercial, or a foreclosure of any residential or commercial property for a period of ninety days.**
- **Effective at 8 p.m. March 20, any appointment that is in-person at any state or county department of motor vehicles is cancelled, and until further notice, only on-line transactions will be permitted.**
- The authority of the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to **abate late filing and payment penalties pursuant to section 1145 of the Tax Law is hereby expanded to also authorize abatement of interest, for a period of 60 days for a taxpayers who are required to file returns and remit sales and use taxes by March 20, 2020, for the sales tax quarterly period that ended February 29, 2020**

The highlighted text is new to the Executive Orders and appears to support what we have been saying about loggers and other businesses that support the Essential Businesses.

We have not seen any changes to the list of Essential Businesses or guidance regarding requesting designation as an Essential Businesses.