



Temporary Waiver of Certain Regulations Requiring Physical Presence at Places of Business

Effective November 6, 2020

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On May 26, 2020, the Governor proclaimed that the state of emergency continues to exist. In the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, [Amended Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Under the provisions of [Second Amended Executive Order 53](#):

Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), **I hereby waive any regulations of regulatory boards under the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation that require physical presence at places of business**, until the 30th day after the date by which the state of emergency is lifted.

This waiver excludes licensees of the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology providing personal grooming services or body art.

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations, nor does it waive any supervision or management provisions required by a board's regulations. This waiver shall remain in full force and in effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Broz-Vaughan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Broz-Vaughan
DPOR Director