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### MEMO

Date: July 31, 2020

To: Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State  
From: Emma Corrie, Director of Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services  
Subject: Guidance on Minnesota Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards

As the primary election nears, I want to provide you with information regarding the expiration dates of Minnesota driver's licenses and identification cards. The Minnesota legislature extended the expiration dates of driver's licenses and identification cards in response to the peacetime emergency.

Effective March 29, the expiration date for driver's licenses and identification cards that expire during the peacetime public health emergency or anytime in the month the emergency ends are extended. The expiration dates are extended two months after the month the peacetime emergency ends. Because the current peacetime emergency ends on Aug. 12, credentials that expire between March 13, and Aug. 31, are valid until Oct. 31.

Credentials that expire in the month following the end of the peacetime emergency are extended for one month after the month the peacetime emergency ends. This means all Minnesota driver's licenses and identification cards that expire in September are valid until Oct. 31.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) automatically extends the expiration dates for these credentials and updates the customer's record accordingly, but Minnesotans will not receive a new credential with the updated expiration date.

Every extension of the peacetime emergency will delay the expiration date of credentials. Please note DPS-DVS and deputy registrars have re-opened to provide services, so you may also see new credentials that would otherwise have qualified for the expiration extension.

Commercial driver's licenses are regulated through the federal government; they are treated differently and are extended through the federal waiver period only, which is currently Sept. 30.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emma Corrie".

Emma Corrie, Director  
Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services