



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 29

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDERS No. 27 AND No. 28 AND SUSPENDING PROVISIONS  
OF CERTAIN LAWS AND RULES RELATED TO LICENSING OF HEALTH  
CARE PROFESSIONALS**

**WHEREAS**, in response to the emergency conditions existing in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I directed the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on August 29, 2005, thereby declaring a state of emergency in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(e)(1) provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "suspend the provisions of any law, order, rule or regulation prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business or the orders or rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such law, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency"; and

**WHEREAS**, by Executive Order No. 27 and No. 28, I suspended temporarily several state laws and rules in order to cope with the current emergency situation; and


**WHEREAS**, in order to continue to provide needed assistance to the many evacuees of Hurricane Katrina in Tennessee, I have determined that it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Executive Orders No. 27 and No. 28 and to provide for the suspension of several additional laws and rules related to the licensure of health care professionals.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The provisions of Executive Order No. 27 are hereby amended to extend the suspension of all state laws and rules specified in such order until 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on October 28, 2005.
2. The provisions of Executive Order No. 28 are hereby amended to extend the suspension of all state laws and rules specified in such order until 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on October 28, 2005.
3. The relevant provisions of Title 63 and Title 68 of Tennessee Code Annotated, as well as any related rules, are hereby suspended to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow, based on an individualized determination, a health care professional who is licensed in another state and who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements under Title 63 or Title 68, to engage in the practice of such individual's profession, if such individual is an evacuee from Hurricane Katrina. Such laws and

rules shall be suspended only until 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on October 28, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE