



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 30

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN LAWS
AND RULES RELATED TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
PROFESSIONS**

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, in previous executive orders, I have 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 provide for the suspension of several additional laws and rules related to licensure requirements for certain professions that are regulated by the Department of Commerce and Insurance or that are regulated by a board or commission that is overseen by the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

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 relevant provisions of Title 55, Title 62 and Title 68 of Tennessee Code Annotated, as well as any related rules, are hereby suspended to give the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance the discretion to allow, based on an individualized determination, a professional who is licensed in another state and who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements of the Department of Commerce and Insurance or to licensing requirements of a board or commission overseen by the Department of Commerce and Insurance under Title 55, Title 62 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 12th day of October, 2005.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE