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**To:** Clerks of the Circuit Court

**From:** Lisa Henneman, Chief License Inspector, State License Bureau

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**Subject:** Governor's COVID Transition Plan

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Pursuant to Governor Hogan's 6.15 COVID Transition Plan that accompanied Executive Order number 21-06-15-01, Terminating Various Emergency Orders, a 45-day Administrative Grace Period has been granted for the renewal of Licenses, Permits & Registrations **that would have an expiration date or be renewable during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency** and would have been previously extended to June 30, 2021.

Thursday, July 1 will mark the beginning of a 45-day grace period, where certain regulations will continue to be relaxed to complete the administrative transition out of the pandemic. **Therefore, business license penalties for license years 2020-2021, will not be assessed until August 16, 2021.**

In addition, any business licenses which will need to be renewed for **the 2019 license year and prior**, will be assessed a penalty as they were already expired and were not renewed, and thus delinquent, before the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency took effect on March 5, 2020.

Please see the link below to the Governor's Executive Order, Terminating Various Emergency Orders.  
<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Termination-Roadmap-6.15.21.pdf>

Please see the link below to the 6.15 COVID Transition Plan  
<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.15-COVID-Transition-Plan.docx.pdf>