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PETER J. OSTROSKY
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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Departments
From: Peter J. Ostroskey, State Fire Marshal
Date: March 20, 2020
RE: **Governor’s Emergency Executive Orders Affecting Licensing and Inspections**

The Governor, pursuant to his Executive Authority during this declared state of emergency, has signed two executive orders affecting (1) the expiration of professional licenses and registrations issued by the Commonwealth and; (2) the temporary deferral of smoke and CO inspections required by M.G.L. Chapter 148 Section 26F and 26F ½ . (*Copies of both orders are attached hereto*).

The first order extends the expiration any license, certificate or registration issued by DFS/State Fire Marshal that was in good standing on March 18, 2020.

The second order defers smoke and CO inspections required under Section 26F and 26F ½ for up to ninety (90) days after this state of emergency is lifted provided:

- (a) The buyer and seller agree, in writing, that the buyer **not** the seller shall be responsible to equip the property with compliant smoke and CO detectors/alarms and;
- (b) The buyer agrees to equip the property in accordance with 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 13.

In addition to notifying you of these changes, we will also be notifying other interested parties (*i.e. The Massachusetts Realtors Association and Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association*) and will ask those parties to widely disseminate the attached orders.

Thank you for your patience while we resolved these issues with the Governor’s office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

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