

## FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing finds that an emergency exists and that the attached regulation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (Division) is experiencing a severe staffing shortage that has created unusual delays in processing applications for licensure. Division staff are working overtime in the evenings and through the weekends; however, despite these efforts, the processing time for each application is at least two months. This significant processing delay is causing additional staffing shortages for healthcare facilities and other employers who are already in dire need of employees. The imminent expiration of more than 46,000 licenses will further strain Division staff and result in increased processing delays. Under current regulations, licensees whose licenses lapse before renewal, are unable to continue working. This emergency regulation allows licensees to continue to work until their renewal license is processed by the Division.

## ADOPTION ORDER

Under the authority of AS 08.01.050 and AS 08.01.100, the attached one page of regulation changes is therefore adopted as an emergency regulation to take effect immediately upon filing by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180(3).

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: September 9, 2022

**Sara Chambers**

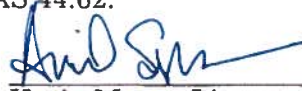
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Division of Corporations, Business and  
Professional Licensing

*April Simpson for*  
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## FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on September 12, 2022 at 12:24 p.m., I filed the attached regulation according to the provisions of AS 44.62.

*for*   
Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: September 12, 2022

Register: 244, January 2023

Expires January 9, 2023  
unless made "permanent"  
by the adopting agency