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Gov. Pritzker waives overweight permit fees for transportation of emergency relief supplies

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker has signed an emergency declaration, effective through April 12, enabling haulers to get free Illinois Department of Transportation overweight trucking permits for the movement of emergency relief supplies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's always important for haulers to be able to move supplies in a timely and safe manner, but it's never been more important than right now," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "We want to assure everyone that we are doing everything we can to assist during this unprecedented time and ensure that the supply chain remains strong."

Operators are required to carry a copy of the order and waiver, which can be found at webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP.

The order does not apply to posted bridges and local highways with special and seasonal weight restrictions. Haulers can use www.GettingAroundIllinois.com to determine if their routes are free of size and weight restrictions.

"Many truck operators are facing enormous pressure to keep supply lines open in light of the coronavirus pandemic," said Don Schaefer, executive vice president of the Mid-West Truckers Association. "This action will keep trucks moving on a timely basis to meet the needs of a concerned public."

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