

# DECLARATION OF TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY AND COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATION WAIVER

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**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Transportation Emergency and Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Regulation Waiver

Declaration of a transportation emergency is hereby requested. This is:  an initial request  a request for renewal.  
*(select one)*

Nature and Cause of Emergency: *(Detail is helpful. Attachment of additional information will likely be necessary.)*

Requesting 30-day waiver due to snowfall estimates of 10-12" expected to increase delivery times (see attached)

Geographic Area(s) Affected:

Entire state

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**Denied.** Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate the existence of a transportation emergency.

**Approved.** A transportation emergency has been declared for State of Maryland  
*(economic sector and/or geographic area)*

during the period beginning 1/6/2025 and ending 2/5/2025.  
*(date & time) (date & time)*

The following regulations are thus waived during the transportation emergency for those motor carriers and drivers operating under Maryland Transportation Article § 25-111 to provide direct assistance to the emergency relief effort.

- All intrastate maximum hours of service time limits
- Only a portion of intrastate maximum hours of service time limits, identified here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other intrastate motor carrier safety regulations, identified here: \_\_\_\_\_
- The interstate Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. Parts 390-399

Approved by: Samantha Biddle  
Title: Deputy Secretary

Signed by: Samantha Biddle  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Nothing in this declaration relieves the motor carrier or operator of responsibility for safe operation of the vehicle.  
Drivers for motor carriers operating under this declaration should have a copy of the declaration in their possession.*

Requesting 30-day waiver due to:

Marketers expecting a >40% increase in HDDs over the next two weeks leading to ~1000 will-call/urgent deliveries;

Wait times at bulk terminals are approaching 6 hours; and

Snowfall estimates of 10-12" expected to increase delivery times and cause customers to consume more fuel