STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-10

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, et al., as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-139 initiating Phase 2 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery for 64 counties; and

WHEREAS, under Phase 2, bars and other vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises were given permission to operate at fifty (50) percent of their indoor capacity, so long as they provided seated service only; and

WHEREAS, the Governor directed the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to enforce the restrictions in Executive Order 20-139;

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, in response to an increase in the number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 at that time, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation issued Emergency Order 2020-09, which was subsequently amended on July 1, 2020, suspending the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises by certain vendors;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALSEY BESHEARS, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order Nos. 20-52, 20-68, 20-71, 20-112, 20-139, and 20-192, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19 now, is negatively impacted by the continued operation of the Department's Emergency Order 2020-09, as amended. Therefore, I order the following:

1. Emergency Order 2020-09, as amended, is hereby RESCINDED as of 12:01am, Monday, September 14, 2020.

2. This Emergency Order shall take effect on the date of filing.

Executed this 10th day of September, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Halsey Beshears, Secretary
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Filed on this date, with the designated Agency Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Agency Clerk’s Office

Date: 9-10-2020