



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**TO:** Members of the Public  
**FROM:** James C. Rovella, Commissioner  
**DATE:** March 17, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Temporary Flexibilities – Fingerprinting Limitations and License Expiration/Renewal extensions

The purpose of this communication is to provide guidance to the general public regarding fingerprinting and the expiration/renewal of DESPP-issued licenses and/or permits during the current public health emergency.

Section 29-17c (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) prohibits employees of a municipal police department or the Connecticut State Police from refusing to collect the fingerprints of a person requesting such fingerprinting for the purposes of a criminal history records check. Due to the current public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Lamont, through Executive Order No. 7E, authorized DESPP to limit or eliminate the availability of fingerprinting for these purposes.

In accordance with Governor Lamont’s Executive Order No. 7E, I hereby order a suspension of all fingerprinting services at DESPP Headquarters in Middletown and all State Police Barracks pursuant to Section 29-17c(a) for up to ninety (90) days.

C.G.S. Sections 21-40, 21-47d, 29-28a, 29-147, 29-152h, 29-155b, 29-161m, 29-161q, 29-161z, 29-349, 29-357 are sections of the General Statutes that concern the expiration dates and renewal requirements for the licenses or permits of pawnbrokers, second-hand dealers, pistol permits, professional bondsmen, bail enforcement agents, private detectives and detective services, security services, security guards, armed security guards, individuals who store, transport, or handle explosives/blasting agents, and individuals who sell, use, or possess fireworks. Since March 1, 2020, some individuals in these categories have let their licenses or permits lapse involuntarily due to the Covid-19 public health emergency.

To address this issue, under the authority of Governor Lamont’s Executive Order No. 7E, I hereby extend the expiration date for all licenses that expire or expired at any time on or after March 1, 2020 for a period of up to ninety (90) days, except as necessary to protect the public safety. If necessary, I will extend this deadline for such licenses in future communications