

## Regulations and other Acts

### M.O., 2020

#### Order 2020-04 of the Minister of Transport dated 30 March 2020

Highway Safety Code  
(chapter C-24.2)

Suspension of deadlines to pay the sums exigible to retain the right to drive certain vehicles

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING the requirement provided for in sections 21 and 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) and the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) to pay, by the prescribed deadlines, the sums exigible to retain the right to drive a registered road vehicle;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020 which renews the public health emergency throughout the territory of Québec that was declared on 13 March 2020 for a period extending up to 7 April 2020, and the different orders by the Minister of Health and Social Services to lower the risks of contagion and adapt different measures to take into account the exceptional context created by the pandemic;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 that suspends different non-essential activities as of 25 March 2020 because of the context created by the pandemic;

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code according to which the Minister of Transport may, by order and after consultation with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, suspend the application of a provision of this Code or the regulations for the period specified by the Minister if he or she considers that it is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that section 633.2 provides that the Minister may prescribe any rule, applicable when using the exemption, that ensures an equivalent level of safety in the Minister's opinion;

CONSIDERING that the deadlines to pay the sums exigible to retain the right to drive a registered road vehicle provided for by the Regulation respecting road vehicle

registration create particular constraints for certain types of enterprises in the current context of the pandemic and that it is appropriate to postpone the moment to pay those sums to no later than 1 September 2020;

CONSIDERING that it is the Minister's opinion that the suspension of the provisions concerning the deadlines applicable to the payment of the sums exigible to retain the right to drive certain road vehicles is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec was consulted;

CONSIDERING that section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code provides that the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) does not apply to an order issued pursuant to that section;

CONSIDERING section 18 of the Regulations Act which provides that a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it and that the reason justifying such coming into force is published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING that, in the Minister's opinion, there is such an urgency due to the following circumstances:

— the deadlines currently provided for may create serious difficulties for the enterprises concerned.

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The application of sections 21 and 24 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) that determine the deadlines for paying the sums exigible pursuant to section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) is suspended with respect to the owner of a vehicle with a registration plate that bears the prefix "T" or "F" and for which the due date to pay the sums exigible is 31 March 2020 or 30 April 2020.

If the owner of a vehicle referred to in the first paragraph has already paid the sums exigible pursuant to section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code, that person is entitled to apply to the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec for a reimbursement.

The owner referred to in the first paragraph or an owner who obtained a reimbursement pursuant to the second paragraph must pay the exigible sums pursuant to section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code no later than 1 September 2020.

The provisions of this section do not apply to the following owners:

(1) a government;

(2) a public agency defined in section 1 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A-19.1);

(3) a municipality.

**2.** This Order comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 30 March, 2020

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