



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

AMENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR GEORGIA WILDFIRES

WHEREAS: On April 22, 2026, I issued Executive Order No. 04.22.26.01, declaring a State of Emergency for Georgia Wildfires in 91 counties in South Georgia that were at high risk for wildfires; and

WHEREAS: The State of Emergency for Georgia Wildfires adopted and incorporated an administrative order from the Georgia Forestry Commission implementing a temporary burn ban in the counties covered by the declaration; and

WHEREAS: On May 5, 2026, I issued Executive Order No. 05.05.26.01, which lifted the State of Emergency for Georgia Wildfires in all counties except for Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Echols, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne counties (the “Affected Counties”); and

WHEREAS: Weather conditions have continued to improve, further decreasing the immediate fire risks, and the emergency response has shifted towards recovery and rebuilding.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTIONS 38-3-28 AND 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the administrative order from the Georgia Forestry Commission instituting a temporary burn ban, which was incorporated into Executive Order No. 04.22.26.01 and Executive Order No. 05.05.26.01, as if issued therein, is lifted in all counties.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That weight, height, and length for any vehicle traveling through the State of Georgia for the purposes of providing relief related to this State of Emergency, which traverses roadways maintained by the State of Georgia, excluding interstates, shall not exceed the following:

- A. A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles, with an outer bridge span of not less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of ninety-five (95) thousand pounds, a maximum width of ten (10) feet, and an overall length of one hundred (100) feet. Continuous travel is authorized with the proper escorts.
- B. If the width of said vehicle exceeds eight (8) feet six (6) inches and is traveling after daylight, defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, the transporter is required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a two-lane roadway and a vehicle rear escort when traveling on a four-lane highway. Transporters are responsible for ensuring that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as defined in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations limiting the hours that operators of commercial vehicles may drive, 49 C.F.R. §§ 390, et seq., are suspended to ensure the uninterrupted supply of goods and services necessary to respond to this State of Emergency, including petroleum products, for fourteen (14) days or until the emergency condition ceases to exist, whichever is less, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23. Nothing herein shall be construed as an exemption from the commercial driver's license requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383 or the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387 or to require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor vehicle carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours of off duty before being required to return to service, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That commercial vehicles operating outside the normal weight, height, and length restrictions under the authority of this State of Emergency shall be issued permits by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Said vehicles shall be subject to any special conditions the Georgia Department of Public Safety may list on applicable permits. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Executive Order be construed to relieve compliance with restrictions other than those specified in this Order or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

Oversize permits may be issued by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday by calling 844-837-5500 or through the Georgia Permitting and Routing Optimization System online portal at <https://www.gaprospersmits.com/>.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That except as modified by this Order and Executive Order No. 05.05.26.01, the provisions of Executive Order No. 04.22.26.01 shall remain in effect until the State of Emergency for Georgia Wildfires expires or the provisions are otherwise terminated via subsequent Executive Order.

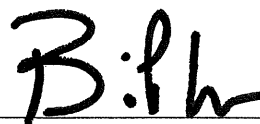
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ORDERED: That except as modified by this Order and by Executive Order No. 05.05.26.01, the provisions of Executive Order No. 04.22.26.01 shall remain in effect until the State of Emergency for Georgia Wildfires expires or the provisions are otherwise terminated via subsequent Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this Order shall be effective upon signature.

This 12th day of May 2026.



GOVERNOR