

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to expiration of permits and  
 3           agreements during natural emergencies; amending s.  
 4           252.363, F.S.; tolling and extending the expiration of  
 5           consumptive use water permits and certain development  
 6           permits and agreements during a natural emergency  
 7           declared by the Governor; providing retroactive  
 8           applicability; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 13 252.363, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           252.363 Tolling and extension of permits and other  
 15 authorizations.—

16           (1) (a) The declaration of a state of emergency issued by  
 17 the Governor for a natural emergency tolls the period remaining  
 18 to exercise the rights under a permit or other authorization for  
 19 the duration of the emergency declaration. Further, the  
 20 emergency declaration extends the period remaining to exercise  
 21 the rights under a permit or other authorization for 6 months in  
 22 addition to the tolled period. This paragraph applies to the  
 23 following:

24           1. The expiration of a development order issued by a local  
 25 government.

26           2. The expiration of a building permit.

27           3. The expiration of a permit issued by the Department of  
 28 Environmental Protection or a water management district pursuant  
 29 to parts II and ~~part~~ IV of chapter 373.

30           4. The buildout date of a development of regional impact,  
 31 including any extension of a buildout date that was previously  
 32 granted as specified in s. 380.06(7)(c).

33           5. The expiration of a development permit or development  
 34 agreement authorized by Florida Statutes, including those  
 35 authorized under the Florida Local Government Development  
 36 Agreement Act, or issued by a local government or other  
 37 governmental agency.

38           Section 2. This act applies retroactively to any  
 39 declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor for a  
 40 natural emergency on or after March 1, 2020.

41           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.