

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 specified consumptive use water permits and
6 development permits and agreements during a natural
7 emergency declared by the Governor; providing
8 retroactive applicability; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
14 252.363, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

26 government.

27 2. The expiration of a building permit.

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

31 4. Permits issued by the Department of Environmental
 32 Protection or a water management district pursuant to part II of
 33 chapter 373 for land subject to a development agreement under
 34 ss. 163.3220-163.3243 in which the permittee and the developer
 35 are the same or a related entity.

36 5. The buildout date of a development of regional impact,
 37 including any extension of a buildout date that was previously
 38 granted as specified in s. 380.06(7)(c).

39 6. The expiration of a development permit or development
 40 agreement authorized by Florida Statutes, including those
 41 authorized under the Florida Local Government Development
 42 Agreement Act, or issued by a local government or other
 43 governmental agency.

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

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