

By the Committees on Rules; and Environment and Natural Resources; and Senator Albritton

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the tolling and extension of
3 permits and other authorizations during states of
4 emergency; amending s. 252.363, F.S.; adding specified
5 consumptive use permits issued under part II of ch.
6 373, F.S., and specified development permits and
7 development agreements to the list of permits and
8 other authorizations tolled and extended during a
9 state of emergency declared by the Governor for a
10 natural emergency; providing for retroactive
11 application; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 252.363, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 252.363 Tolling and extension of permits and other
18 authorizations.—

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

27 1. The expiration of a development order issued by a local
28 government.

29 2. The expiration of a building permit.

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

33 4. Permits issued by the Department of Environmental
34 Protection or a water management district pursuant to part II of
35 chapter 373 for land subject to a development agreement under
36 the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act in which
37 the permittee and the developer are the same or a related
38 entity.

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

42 6. The expiration of a development permit or a development
43 agreement authorized by state law, including those authorized
44 under the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act, or
45 issued by a local government or other governmental agency.

46 (b) Within 90 days after the termination of the emergency
47 declaration, the holder of the permit or other authorization
48 shall notify the issuing authority of the intent to exercise the
49 tolling and extension granted under paragraph (a). The notice
50 must be in writing and identify the specific permit or other
51 authorization qualifying for extension.

52 (c) If the permit or other authorization for a phased
53 construction project is extended, the commencement and
54 completion dates for any required mitigation are extended such
55 that the mitigation activities occur in the same timeframe
56 relative to the phase as originally permitted.

57 (d) This subsection does not apply to:

58 1. A permit or other authorization for a building,

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59 improvement, or development located outside the geographic area
60 for which the declaration of a state of emergency applies.

61 2. A permit or other authorization under any programmatic
62 or regional general permit issued by the Army Corps of
63 Engineers.

64 3. The holder of a permit or other authorization who is
65 determined by the authorizing agency to be in significant
66 noncompliance with the conditions of the permit or other
67 authorization through the issuance of a warning letter or notice
68 of violation, the initiation of formal enforcement, or an
69 equivalent action.

70 4. A permit or other authorization that is subject to a
71 court order specifying an expiration date or buildout date that
72 would be in conflict with the extensions granted in this
73 section.

74 Section 2. The amendments made to s. 252.363, Florida
75 Statutes, by this act shall apply retroactively to any
76 declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor for a
77 natural emergency since March 1, 2020.

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