

**ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ESTABLISHING A
DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND
HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD
July 28, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland issued an Executive Order entitled “*Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Government Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements*”;

WHEREAS, the March 12, 2020 Order was based on the recognition that the COVID-19 outbreak might make it difficult for both citizens and government employees to take actions within timeframes otherwise required by law;

WHEREAS, the March 12, 2020 Order extended the time to renew licenses, registrations, and other authorizations issued by the State of Maryland until 30 days after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Order entitled “*Amending and Restating the Order of March 12, 2020, Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements*”;

WHEREAS, the June 19, 2020 Order amended and restated the March 12, 2020 Order, providing for continued extension of time to renew a license, registration, and other authorization issued by the State of Maryland (“Covered Authorization”), but also authorized the head of each unit of State government to exclude a Covered Authorization from the aforementioned extension upon certain findings including that such exclusion is necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare and the renewal of the Covered Authorization can be accomplished with the applicable guidance published by the CDC and MDH;

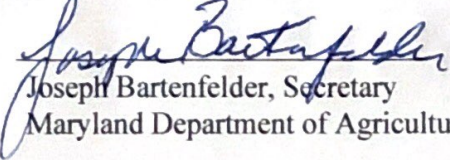
WHEREAS, the Maryland Horse Industry Board is responsible for licensing horse establishments in this State to ensure not only the health, safety, and welfare of horses kept at these locations but also the safety of individuals, including riders, who utilize these facilities;

WHEREAS, the renewal of licenses issued by the Maryland Horse Industry Board can be accomplished with the applicable guidance published by the CDC and MDH;

NOW THEREFORE, having determined that the renewal of licenses is necessary for public health, safety or welfare and be accomplished with the applicable guidance published by the CDC and MDH, and having publicized this Order on the Department’s

website, pursuant to the authority granted to me under the June 19, 2020 Order, it is this 28th day of July, 2020, hereby ORDERED that:

- (1) All licenses for horse establishments that have not yet been renewed for the licensing year that began July 1, 2020, shall expire on September 30, 2020;
- (2) All horse establishments that have not yet renewed their license for the licensing year that began on July 1, 2020, must do so on or before September 30, 2020 to continue lawfully operating as a horse establishment in this State.


Joseph Bartenfelder, Secretary
Maryland Department of Agriculture