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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 110

**AN ORDER TO PROVIDE RELIEF IN ANTICIPATION OF SEVERE  
WINTER WEATHER**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on Friday, January 23, 2026, severe winter weather is expected across significant portions of the State, with potential impacts to the lives and property of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the weather conditions may result in an increased demand of certain fuels, as well as cause delivery delays of essential goods and products critical to Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations are engaged in efforts to prevent damage and provide relief to affected Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, all Tennessee state departments are encouraged to make sufficient preparations to continue to serve Tennesseans and provide adequate resources during the pendency of this severe winter weather.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a major disaster and state of emergency exist and direct and order the following:

1. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-401, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-413, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-201, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-209, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.25 that set forth maximum weight, height, length, and width limitations are hereby suspended in the case of vehicles providing relief efforts in response to the severe weather in Tennessee, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. A vehicle must be transporting emergency supplies, equipment, or mobile housing units to the impacted areas.

- b. A vehicle shall be permitted only to travel on (1) Interstate Highways; (2) highways on the National Highway System; and (3) other state-maintained highways and roads as may be required to respond to the severe weather emergency, without any restrictions on their time of movement except as may otherwise be provided in this Order.
- c. A vehicle may transport a divisible or non-divisible load up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 95,000 pounds and a maximum axle weight of 20,000 pounds, except on any bridge or overpass with a lower posted weight limit.
- d. The outer bridge span of any five-axle truck tractor/semi-trailer combination shall be no less than fifty-one feet (51').
- e. The overall dimensions of a vehicle and load shall not exceed:
  - i. One hundred feet (100') in length;
  - ii. Fourteen feet, four inches (14' 4") in height on the Interstate Highway System, except on Interstate 55, and thirteen feet, six inches (13' 6") in height on Interstate 55 and any other highway on the National Highway System; or
  - iii. Fourteen feet, six inches (14' 6") in width.
- f. Vehicles that do not exceed ten feet (10') in width may travel seven (7) days per week during daylight or nighttime hours without any time restrictions.
- g. Vehicles transporting FEMA or other mobile housing units exceeding ten feet (10') in width, but not exceeding fourteen feet, six inches (14' 6") in width, may travel seven (7) days per week during daylight or nighttime hours without any time restrictions.
- h. Vehicles are responsible for ensuring that they have proper oversize load signs, markings, flags, and escorts as required by the Tennessee Department of Transportation's rules and regulations for overdimensional movements on Tennessee's roads, except that a contracted FEMA carrier may use a single escort to escort up to three (3) overdimensional loads.
- i. This Executive Order shall serve as a special permit for transporting any load authorized herein. Transporters shall keep appropriate identification as designated by FEMA or their state of origin in their vehicle while transporting any load permitted by this Order and shall reference this Order as permitting such transports.

- j. Any person, firm, company, corporation, or other entity that undertakes the movement of any overweight and/or overdimensional article and/or commodity on the highways of Tennessee shall hold Tennessee and its officers and employees harmless from any claims for damages resulting from the exercise of any of the privileges granted under this Order and, to this end, shall carry liability insurance with an insurer, acceptable to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Oversize and Overweight Permit Office, in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for each claimant and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. The transporter shall carry the certificate of insurance in the vehicle at all times.
- 2. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 as adopted by Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-06-01-.08, there is hereby provided a temporary exception from the federal rules and regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 395 limiting the hours of service for the operator of a commercial motor vehicle providing supplies, equipment, personnel, and other provisions to assist persons affected by the severe weather in Tennessee, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, or applicable federal size and weight limitations.
  - b. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.
- 3. Any request by vehicles carrying appropriate identification designated by FEMA or their state of origin that are transporting emergency supplies, equipment, or mobile housing units in response to the severe weather in Tennessee for a special permit to transport loads in excess of the foregoing weight, height, length, and width limits or other restrictions shall be given expedited consideration and may be approved within the discretion of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Oversize and Overweight Permit Office. The Commissioner of Transportation shall have the authority to waive any otherwise applicable permit fees related to such a request.
- 4. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 62-6-102(4)(A)(i), 62-6-103(a)(1), and 62-6-502, and related rules are hereby suspended in the case of persons engaging solely in storm damage cleanup resulting from the severe weather in Tennessee, provided that the person has sufficient experience and knowledge in the field to provide for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public

5. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103, it is hereby declared that the severe weather in Tennessee has resulted in an abnormal economic disruption, and therefore, persons are prohibited from charging any other person a price for the goods or services listed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103(a)(1), that is grossly in excess of the price generally charged for the same or similar goods or services in the usual course of business.
6. All state agencies are encouraged to work with persons adversely affected by a disruption to the mail delivery system or displacement due to the severe weather in Tennessee and to take those circumstances into account with respect to giving notice and providing state services.

Any law, order, rule, or regulation that would otherwise limit the enforceability of this Order is hereby suspended, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107.

This Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Time, on February 5, 2026, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules shall cease and be of no further force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 22nd day of January, 2026.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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SECRETARY OF STATE

