ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-1-8(b), the Commissioner shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the safe operation of motor carriers, the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and drivers, and the safe transportation of hazardous materials consistent with the Constitution of the United States and of this State, the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and other laws of this State;

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-1-8(c)(1), the adoption of rules and regulations governing the safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles and drivers, and the safe transportation of hazardous materials are exempt from the procedural requirements of Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia, the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act;"

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety may, through administrative order, by referencing compatible federal regulations or standards, adopt the rules and regulations described herein which shall be maintained on file by the Department of Public Safety and made available for inspection and copying by the public, by means including but not limited to posting on the department's Internet site;

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Safety promulgated the addition of 49 CFR Part 395.341 which provides for hours of service temporary variance for intrastate motor carriers for a 60 days period from December 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015;

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Safety promulgated an extension for hours of service temporary variance for intrastate motor carriers for a 90 days period from February 16, 2015 to May 17, 2015;

WHEREAS: There have been no significant incidents for this class of vehicles during the variance period;

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Safety promulgated an extension for hours of service temporary variance for intrastate motor carriers for a 90 days period from May 18, 2015 to August 18, 2015;

WHEREAS: There have been no significant incidents for this class of vehicles during the variance period;

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Safety promulgated an extension for hours of service temporary variance for intrastate motor carriers from August 19, 2015 to January 1, 2016.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of AUGUST, 2015.

Mark W. McDonough

Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner