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TO: Superintendent, Virginia State Police
Commissioner, Department of Transportation
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FROM: Jeffrey D. Stern, Ph.D. 

**SUBJECT: LIMITED EXEMPTION OF HOURS OF SERVICE FOR CARRIERS
TRANSPORTING HEATING FUELS**

Based on the increased need for heating fuel, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency seeking relief for all heating fuel carriers throughout the Commonwealth. This declaration also applies to carriers supporting power restoration efforts in Puerto Rico.

These exceptions activate the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations, including hours of service, and are granted for the period beginning 12 p.m. December 30, 2017, until 5 p.m. January 13, 2018, or whenever the crisis has abated, whichever is sooner. This limited exemption replaces and rescinds the exemption memorandum issued on December 29th for gasoline.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation is appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact the Virginia Emergency Support Team Coordinator at (804) 674-2400.

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