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State of Emergency Declared: Hours of Service and Overweight Waivers Granted

In light of today's winter weather event, Governor McAuliffe has declared a state of emergency. This includes waivers of the hours of service and overweight regulations for transporters of emergency relief supplies identified in the order to include: gasoline, diesel, propane and heating oil. Copies of the waivers by VDOT and the governor can be found below. They should be in every truck for the 30 day duration of the state of emergency. Please remember that the overweight waivers apply to state roads only and not interstate highways. Also remember that this declaration activates the state's pricing gouging law. In the past when businesses have increased prices more than 10 percent over the average price in the period immediately preceding the emergency, they have been investigated for price gouging. However, price increases which are the result of supplier increases are not price gouging as long as corresponding invoices are maintained.

[Governor's Declaration](#)

[VDOT Waiver](#)

Strauss Scholarship Applications Now Accepted

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 S. Frank Strauss Scholarship Program. This program was established in the 1970's in recognition of Mr. Frank Strauss, who was the long time executive director of the Virginia Food Dealers Association. This program is open to VPCGA members, their employees and the children of VPCGA employees. Awards are made after review by the Association's scholarship committee, which considers need as well as academic achievement in their evaluation. Recipients must be high school graduates by June of this year and attend a post secondary institution of higher education in the fall of 2017. You can view the [application here](#). Complete applications must be received by April 15. You may also post [this flyer](#) for your employees.