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## Weight and Hour Waivers Expire at Noon Monday

As we reported on Monday, Governor McAuliffe issued a state of emergency in anticipation of the impending winter storm. It states the waivers (for weights and hours of service) shall remain in effect for 30 days from the onset of the disaster, or until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, whichever is earlier. On Tuesday, we learned that VDOT and DMV had issued a separate order limiting the current weight and hours of service orders to five days. When we inquired why, their response was "the Department of Emergency Management always has the right to limit a waiver or even cancel a waiver prior to any date on a governor's declaration." FMCSA also advocates for limited time frames on waivers.

Therefore, please be advised that the current weight and hour waivers will expire at **noon Monday March 20**.

[Governor's Declaration](#)

[VDOT Waiver](#)

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## NACS Industry Update Luncheon in Richmond

*April 7, 2017*

VPCGA is co-hosting the NACS Industry Update Luncheon being held in Richmond on Monday April 17, 2017, presented by Hank Armour, NACS President & CEO. The event begins at 11:30am and runs until 2:30pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers, enjoy a complimentary lunch and learn about what's going on in the convenience and retail fuels industry as well as important

Federal legislative and regulatory issues facing our industry,

There is no cost to attend and registration is required by April 10, 2017. To register, [click here](#) or contact [Ashley Short](#). Venue details will be provided in your registration confirmation prior to the event.

We hope you can join us!

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## **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.