

27 transport and distribution of essentials in commerce and the
 28 restoration of utility services in the state.

29 (2) As used in this section, the term "essentials" means
 30 goods that are consumed or used as a direct result of a declared
 31 emergency, or that are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or
 32 sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being.

33 (3) The division shall develop a system to certify each
 34 person who facilitates the transport or distribution of
 35 essentials in commerce or who assists in restoring utility
 36 services. The division may not certify any person other than a
 37 person who routinely transports or distributes essentials or
 38 assists in restoring utility services. In developing the system,
 39 the division:

40 (a) May provide for a preemergency or postemergency
 41 declaration certification.

42 (b) Shall allow the certification of an employer to
 43 constitute a certification of the employer's employees, if the
 44 employer requests.

45 (c) Shall create an easily recognizable indicium of
 46 certification to assist local officials' efforts in determining
 47 which persons have been certified under this subsection.

48 (d) Shall limit the duration of each certificate to no
 49 more than 1 year. Each certificate may be renewed so long as the
 50 criteria for certification are met.

51 (4) A person or employer certified under subsection (3) is
 52 not required to obtain any additional certification or fulfill

53 any additional requirement in order to transport or distribute
54 essentials or assist in restoring utility services.

55 (5) Notwithstanding any curfew, a person or employer
56 certified under subsection (3) may enter or remain in the curfew
57 area for the limited purpose of facilitating the transport or
58 distribution of essentials or assisting in restoring utility
59 services and may provide service that exceeds otherwise
60 applicable hours of service maximums to the extent authorized by
61 a duly executed declaration of a state of emergency.

62 (6) This section does not prohibit a law enforcement
63 officer from specifying the permissible route of ingress or
64 egress for a person certified under subsection (3).

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.