

# News Release

## Comptroller Lierman Extends Temporary Waiver for Motor Carriers After Key Bridge Collapse

*Decal Requirements Waiver extended to July 5 to further mitigate the economic impact of Key Bridge collapse*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 3, 2024) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman** has authorized an extension for the temporary waiver of International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) licensing and decal requirements for motor carriers hauling freight to and from a seaport and will continue to waive certain penalties associated with the late filing of IFTA returns.

“Maryland will continue to waive IFTA licensing and decal requirements for motor carriers hauling freight to or from a seaport,” Comptroller Lierman said. “I strongly encourage our neighboring jurisdictions to also extend their waiver of IFTA licensing requirements temporarily for motor carriers hauling freight to or from a seaport.”

Maryland will extend the waiver of IFTA licensing and decal requirements for motor carriers hauling freight to or from a seaport by 35 days. The waiver, which was initially authorized through May 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., will remain in effect until July 5, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

IFTA licensees were granted an extension until June 30, 2024, to file their returns. IFTA licensees affected by this waiver must file their first quarter returns no later than June 30, 2024, to be granted this relief, as there will be no further extension.

IFTA requires motor carriers to pay the appropriate taxes to the state for the use of Maryland highways quarterly and appropriately document mileage and motor fuel purchases.

The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and the suspension of vessel traffic to the Port of Baltimore has significantly impacted the local, state, national, and global economy. The Port of Baltimore has an annual economic impact of \$70 billion, with 8,000 jobs supported on-site, and 21,000 jobs directly tied to the operations of the Port. The Port of Baltimore estimates that the operational disruption to Port operations amounts to an economic loss of \$191 million per day and \$2 million in lost wages.

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