



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

## CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: September 21, 2020

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WSR 20-19-119

Agency: Department of Licensing

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The Department of Licensing is re-filing emergency rules allowing for remote notarization in Washington State. After receiving stakeholder input on the original emergency rules, the language was adjusted. The Department will file the CR-102 to propose the permanent adoption of these rules on September 23, 2020. The department originally filed notice for permanent rulemaking regarding SB 5641 under WSR 20-06-073. Interested stakeholders can participate in the rulemaking process for the permanent rules by contacting [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov).

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: Chapter 308-30 WAC Notaries public
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 42.45.250

**Other authority:** Proclamation by the Governor 20-27 Electronic Notary Effective Date

**EMERGENCY RULE**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

**Reasons for this finding:** This emergency rulemaking is enacted to decrease in-person notarization to assist with COVID-19 response efforts, allowing remote notarization in Washington State ahead of SB 5641 implementation.

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New 1 Amended      Repealed     

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

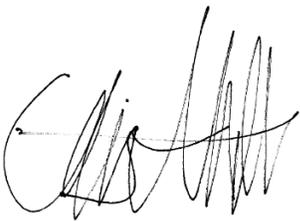
New      Amended      Repealed     

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New      Amended      Repealed     

**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New <u>    </u>	Amended <u>    </u>	Repealed <u>    </u>
Pilot rule making:	New <u>    </u>	Amended <u>    </u>	Repealed <u>    </u>
Other alternative rule making:	New <u>    </u>	Amended <u>    </u>	Repealed <u>    </u>

<b>Date Adopted:</b> September 21, 2020	<b>Signature:</b> 
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