

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. M256

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS individuals require transportation on BC Ferries for medical treatment;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached BC Ferries Medical Travel (COVID-19) Order is made.

30/07/2020
Date July 30, 2020


Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020

BC FERRIES MEDICAL TRAVEL (COVID-19) ORDER

Application

- 1 This order only applies during the period that the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act*, and any extension of the duration of that declaration, is in effect.

British Columbia Ferry Services – medical travel

- 2 (1) British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. must implement all procedures necessary to ensure that an individual who arrives at a terminal at least 30 minutes before a ferry is scheduled to sail is loaded on the ferry, along with any vehicle in or on which the individual arrives and any other individual travelling in or on that vehicle, if the individual
 - (a) is travelling to or from medical treatment, and
 - (b) presents both of the following:
 - (i) a letter, dated and signed by a medical practitioner, stating that the individual requires priority loading;
 - (ii) a completed Travel Assistance Program form.
- (2) A letter under subsection (1) (b) (i) is valid throughout the period
 - (a) beginning on the date of the letter, and
 - (b) ending on the earlier of
 - (i) the date that is one year after the date of the letter, and
 - (ii) the date, if any, specified in the letter as its expiry date.