

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD  
OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS CHAPTER 220-2, *REGISTRATION  
REQUIREMENTS, RULE 220-2-.02 EDUCATION.*  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to amend a rule for the Board, Rule 220-2-.02 *Education*. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed new rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at [www.sos.ga.gov/plb/foresters](http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/foresters). Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. on February 9, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendment. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before February 2, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Registration for Foresters, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-5805.

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:50 a.m. on February 11, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Registration for Foresters has the authority to amend this rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, and 43-1-25.

At its meeting on November 17, 2010, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and

any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, and 43-1-25.

Also, at its meeting on November 17, 2010 the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, and 43-1-25 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of forestry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

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Randall D. Vaughn  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: December 9, 2010

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS CHAPTER  
220-2, RULE 220-2-.02 EDUCATION.**

Purpose: The Board proposes to amend this rule to correct a typographical error.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
FORESTERS RULE 220-2-.02 EDUCATION.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**220-2-.02 Education. Amended.**

(1) A baccalaureate degree from a school, college, or department of forestry approved by the board, as provided in O.C.G. A. 12-6-49(a)(1), means the first professional degree in forestry at the bachelor's level or highest in a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

(2) The following applies to O.C.G. A. 12-6-~~24~~9(a)(2):

(a) A degree from a school of forestry not approved by the board, as provided in O.C.G.A. 12-6-49(a)(2), means a baccalaureate degree from an educational institution which has applied to the Society of American foresters for accreditation and has certified that its forestry curriculum meets the minimum standards for objectives, curriculum, faculty, students, administration, parent-institution support, and physical resources and facilities required for accreditation.

(b) A curriculum approved by the board, as provided in O.C.G.A. 12-6-49(a)(2), means a two-year associate degree in forest technology or the equivalent which is recognized by the Society of American Foresters as meeting or exceeding its minimum standards relating to objectives, curriculum, faculty, students, administration, parent-institution support, and physical resources and facilities.

(3) All applicants are required to furnish official copies of their college transcripts.

O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-49, and 43-1-25