NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS CHAPTER 157-4 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4-.01 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, 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 Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, Chapter 157-4 Licensure Without Examination, Rule 157-4-.01 Licensure Without Examination (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing 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 Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians website at www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/diet, or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **9:15 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016**, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule 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 five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on **Friday, December 2, 2016.** Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, or by fax to (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at **9:15 a.m., Friday December 9, 2016** at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments 157-4-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8.

At its meeting Friday, September 16, 2016, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule 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. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8.

Additionally, at its meeting Friday, September 16, 2016, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Dietetics.

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

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 2 day of November, 2016

Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 157-4 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4-.01 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to delete any reference to licensure by endorsement, and clarify the requirements for licensure without examination.

Main Features: The rule amendments remove language regarding application by endorsement, clarifying the application by registration with the CDR is the option available for licensure without a retake of the accepted national examination for licensure by the Board.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 157-4 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4-.01 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

Rule 157-4-.01. Licensure without Examination

(1) An applicant for licensure without examination may apply by ~~either~~ registration ~~by~~ with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) ~~or endorsement~~.

(2) To be eligible for licensure without examination, the applicant must ~~have~~ be currently registered with the CDR and have successfully passed the CDR examination.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8

Rule 157-4-.01. Licensure without Examination

(1) An applicant for licensure without examination may apply by registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

(2) To be eligible for licensure without examination, the applicant must be currently registered with the CDR and have successfully passed the CDR examination.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8