

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
CHAPTER 700-7, RENEWAL OF LICENSE, RULE 700-7-.02, REINSTATEMENT OF
EXPIRED LICENSES 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 Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule Chapter 700-7, Renewal of License, Rule 700-7-.02, Reinstatement of Expired Licenses, (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 disseminated 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 website <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/53>, or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on October 19, 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 October 12, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on October 19, 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 Board has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendment to 700-7-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(1), 43-1-19(2), 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-41(a)(1) and 43-50-41(a)(2).

At its meeting April 20, 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. §§ 43-1-19(1), 43-1-19(2), 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-41(a)(1) and 43-50-41(a)(2).

Additionally, at its meeting April 20, 2016, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(1), 43-1-19(2), 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-41(a)(1) and 43-50-41(a)(2) 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 veterinary medicine.

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 15 day of Aug., 2016.



Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 16 Aug 2016

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE FOR CHAPTER 700-7, RENEWAL OF LICENSE,
RULE 700-7-.02, REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSES.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to further clarify the requirements for an applicant seeking reinstatement of expired license

Main Features: The rule amendment clarifies the total number of continuing education hours needed when an applicant applies to reinstate an expired license. Additional language was inserted to clarify that an applicant for reinstatement, who has ever been licensed in another State(s), must furnish verification of licensure. Applicant shall inform the Board whether or not they have ever had any license issued revoked, suspended or otherwise sanctioned or has been denied issuance of or, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings, refused renewal of a license by any board or agency in Georgia or any other state and whether or not they have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (other than minor traffic violations), or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or under "First Offender Act."

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
RULE FOR CHAPTER 700-7, RENEWAL OF LICENSE, RULE 700-7-.02,
REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSES.**

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

Rule 700-7-.02 Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

(1) A veterinary or veterinary technician license which has not been renewed by the end of the March 31st late renewal period shall be administratively lapsed for failure to renew. Such failure to renew shall have the same force and effect as a revocation of said license as provided in Sec. 43-1-19(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Licenses that have been administratively lapsed for failure to renew, must be reinstated at the Board's discretion.

(2) For purposes of this regulation, the administrative lapsing of license for failure to renew shall not be treated as a disciplinary action or contested case.

(3) Any licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician ~~in Georgia~~ who fails to renew said license for a period of three years or more shall be required, before reinstatement of said license, to submit an application for reinstatement, including a detailed resume of such licensee's work experience since the date said license was renewed and in good standing. Applicants for reinstatement must submit proof of having completed continuing education within the two years prior to seeking reinstatement as follows: Veterinarians must submit proof of having completed a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education and veterinarian technicians must submit a minimum of ten (10) hours. If the individual An applicant for reinstatement who has been practicing outside of the State of Georgia, ~~he/she~~ must furnish ~~a statement~~ verification of licensure from all recognized licensing jurisdictions ~~regarding the state of licensure in such locale~~ where the applicant is or has been licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

(4) In the application, An individual applicant seeking reinstatement as a veterinarian or veterinary technician may shall be required to answer, under oath, whether the applicant has had any furnish additional information to show that he/she has kept abreast of veterinary medical or veterinary technology practice and that he/she neither had his/her veterinarian/veterinary technician license issued to the applicant revoked, suspended or otherwise sanctioned by any board or agency in Georgia nor any another state; nor has he/she been charged with or convicted of a crime and whether the applicant was denied issuance of or, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings, refused renewal of a license by any board or agency in Georgia or any other state. The applicant shall provide the name of the board or agency which revoked suspended, denied, refused renewal of, or otherwise sanctioned the license.

(5) An applicant seeking reinstatement of a veterinarian or veterinary license shall be required to answer, under oath, whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (other than minor traffic violations), or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or under "First Offender Act."

(56) Upon evaluation of such Applicant's application and other information, the Board may reinstate said license, or at its discretion may condition reinstatement of said license upon conditions acceptable to the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(1), 43-1-19(2), 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-41(a)(1) and 43-50-41(a)(2).

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(2) For purposes of this regulation, the administrative lapsing of license for failure to renew shall not be treated as a disciplinary action or contested case.

(3) Any licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician who fails to renew said license for a period of three years or more shall be required, before reinstatement of said license, to submit an application for reinstatement, including a detailed resume of such licensee's work experience since the date said license was renewed and in good standing. Applicants for reinstatement must submit proof of having completed continuing education within the two years prior to seeking reinstatement as follows: Veterinarians must submit proof of having completed a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education and veterinarian technicians must submit a minimum of ten (10) hours. An applicant for reinstatement who has been practicing outside of the State of Georgia must furnish verification of licensure from all recognized licensing jurisdictions where the applicant is or has been licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

(4) In the application, an applicant seeking reinstatement as a veterinarian or veterinary technician shall be required to answer, under oath, whether the applicant has had any license issued to the applicant revoked, suspended or otherwise sanctioned by any board or agency in Georgia or any other state; and whether the applicant was denied issuance of or, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings, refused renewal of a license by any board or agency in Georgia or any other state. The applicant shall provide the name of the board or agency which revoked suspended, denied, refused renewal of, or otherwise sanctioned the license.

(5) An applicant seeking reinstatement of a veterinarian or veterinary license shall be required to answer, under oath, whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (other than minor traffic violations), or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or under "First Offender Act."

(6) Upon evaluation of Applicant's application and other information, the Board may reinstate said license, or at its discretion may condition reinstatement of said license upon conditions acceptable to the Board.

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