

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-7 RENEWAL/REINSTATEMENT/INACTIVE STATUS,  
RULE 510-7-.01 RENEWAL 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 Psychologists (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule 510-7-.01 Renewal (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 forwarded 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 at [www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/psych](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/psych) or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015**, 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 11, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 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 **11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015** in the Office of the 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 the proposed rule amendments to 510-7-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-34-7; 43-39-12; 43-39-13 and 43-39-15.

At its meeting Friday, July 24, 2015, 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

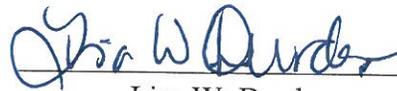
objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-12; 43-39-13 and 43-39-15.

Additionally, at its meeting Friday, July 24, 2015, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-12; 43-39-13 and 43-39-15 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 Psychology.

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 26 day of October, 2015



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Lisa W. Durden

Director

Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 26 Oct 15

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-7  
RENEWAL/REINSTATEMENT/INACTIVE STATUS, RULE 510-7-.01 RENEWAL**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to reduce the time period for a late renewal of a license.

**Main Features:** The amended rule changes the time period of the lapsed-late renewal period from six months to one month, and stipulates no practice after December 31<sup>st</sup> of every even numbered year until the license is in active status again.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-7 RENEWAL/REINSTATEMENT/INACTIVE STATUS,  
RULE 510-7-.01 RENEWAL**

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

**510-7-.01 Renewal.**

Every psychology license will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of even numbered years, and will be renewable for two years if all requirements for renewal, including continuing education requirements are satisfied, and the renewal fee is paid. Psychologists practicing with an expired license are subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Licenses may be renewed within ~~six months~~ thirty one (31) days after their expiration and are subject to a late renewal penalty fee in addition to the renewal fee. Licensees are NOT to practice after December 31<sup>st</sup> of each even numbered year until the license has been renewed and is in active status. See Separate Ffee Sschedule and Ccontinuing Eeducation Rrule. Failure to renew a license within six months ~~thirty one (31) days~~ of its expirations, ~~shall have the effect of revocation of the license by operation of law and the license~~ the license shall be considered lapsed. ~~The Board in its sole discretion may reinstate a revoked license.~~ Reinstatement is at the sole discretion of the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-34-7; 43-39-12; 43-39-13 and 43-39-15

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