

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE**  
**Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CHAPTER 250-4 Apprenticeship, RULE 250-4-.06. Board-approved Apprenticeship Establishment**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.06. Board-approved Apprenticeship Establishment (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 distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the interested party notification 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 website page at <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/30>, or by contacting the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at 478-207-2440.

Any interested party affected by the rule may present written comments to the Board no later than close of business June 5, 2018. Written comments must be legible, signed, and should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address, etc.). Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; fax (866) 888-1308. Oral statements presented during the public hearing should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its April 10, 2018 meeting. The Board also 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; 43-1-25; and 43-18-50 to 43-18-54. Finally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19; 43-1-25; and 43-18-50 to 43-18-54 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 or owned and operated in the field of funeral service.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, 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.

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The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at its meeting scheduled to begin 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment to 250-4-.06 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19; 43-1-25; and 43-18-50 to 43-18-54.

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 May 2018.



Lisa W. Durden, Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 5/2/2018

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES  
CHAPTER 250-4 Apprenticeship, RULE 250-4-.06. Board-approved Apprenticeship  
Establishment

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to restructure a sentence to make the rule more easily understood and to replace archaic wording.

**Main Features:** The main features of this amendment are a restructure of (1)(c) for better understanding of the rule and replacement of “such” with “the” in (3).

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULE  
Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.06. Board-approved Apprenticeship  
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[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship

Rule 250-4-.06. Board-approved Apprenticeship Establishment

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  - (a) have a valid Georgia funeral establishment license;
  - (b) have no unresolved inspection violations; and
  - (c) certify that ~~it has embalmed~~ an average of at least thirty (30) bodies per year have been embalmed at the establishment over the preceding five (5) years. Funeral establishments which have been in business for less than five (5) years or have averaged less than thirty (30) embalmed bodies per year must have embalmed at least one hundred fifty (150) bodies.
- (2) An establishment may qualify for one (1) apprentice for each thirty (30) bodies it embalms each year. An establishment which embalms less than thirty (30) bodies per year may only have one (1) apprentice.
- (3) The Board may withdraw approval of an establishment if it deems the establishment to be inappropriate for apprenticeship training. An apprentice serving at an establishment whose approval is withdrawn shall receive notification thereof at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of withdrawal and may not receive credit for any hours served at the establishment after said sixty (60) days. ~~Such~~ The apprentice may apply to the Board to serve at a Board-approved establishment without paying an additional fee for change of location.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-1-19; 43-1-25; and 43-18-50 to 43-18-54

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