

Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers

July 31, 2017

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A meeting of the Georgia Board of Registered Architects and Interior Designers Teleconference was held on **Monday, July 31, 2017** at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following members were present:

Anne Smith, Registered Architect, President
David Maschke, Registered Architect, Registered Interior Designer, Vice President
Melissa Cantrell, Registered Architect
Janice Wittschiede, Registered Architect, Registered Interior Designer
Carole Pacheco, Registered Architect
Susan Watt, Registered Architect

The following members were absent:

Andrew Pace, Consumer Member
Craig Buckley, Registered Architect

Staff present were:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General present:

Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General

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At 9:32 a.m., President Anne Smith established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

President Anne Smith presented drafts of rules 50-2-.03 and 50-10-.06 to the Board. Janice Wittschiede made a motion, Melissa Cantrell seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve and post the following Board rule

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
RULE 50-2-.03, "LICENSURE OF VETERANS AND MILITARY**

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SPOUSES.” AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to the Board Rules, RULE 50-2-.03, “Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses” (herein after “proposed rule amendment”). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption at a meeting On June 14th, 2017. The proposed rule amendment creates a rule that defines the requirements for expedited licensure for veterans and military spouses. 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. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. July 31st, 2017 at the Secretary of State’s Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in 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 official record. Oral statements should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. 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.) on July 28th, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-9718.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. on July 31st, 2017 at the Secretary of State’s Professional

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Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to adopt a proposed rule amendment to Rule 50-2-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-31.

At its meeting on June 14th, 2017 the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers 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. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it was legal and feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(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 fields of architecture.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS RULE 50-10-.06, "LICENSURE OF VETERANS AND MILITARY SPOUSES." AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to the Board Rules, RULE 50-10-.06, "Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses" (herein after "proposed rule amendment"). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption at a meeting On June 14th, 2017. The proposed rule amendment creates a rule that defines the requirements for expedited licensure for veterans and military spouses. 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

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At its meeting on June 14th, 2017 the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers 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. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-31, 43-4-32 and 43-4-35.

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

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECT AND
INTERIOR DESIGNER RULES**

RULE 50-10-.06, “Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses.”

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to define the requirements for expedited licensure of veterans and military spouses.

(1) **MAIN FEATURES:** This is a new rule.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND
INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

RULE 50-10-.06, “Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses.”

RULE 50-10-.06, “Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses.” is hereby revised as follows:

**RULES OF
THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

**CHAPTER 50-10
Registered Interior Designer Registration Requirements**

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Rule 50-10-.06 Licensure of veterans and military spouses.

- (1) As used in this Rule:
 - (a) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
 - (b) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
 - (c) "Registered Interior Designer" means a person who is registered as an Interior Designer under the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
 - (d) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
 - (e) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military or active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

- (2) Expedited applications. Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of a license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets all requirements for a license issued under Chapter 4 of Title 43.

- (3) Licensure by reciprocity of service members, transitioning service members, and military spouses. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a license by reciprocity where the applicant:
 - (a) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirements under Georgia law to obtain a license as an Interior Designer;
 - (b) submits to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state;
 - (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
 - (d) submits a completed application for licensure by reciprocity on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and requests a license by reciprocity.

- (4) Education, training, and experience obtained while in the military. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may obtain credit for education and experience obtained while in the military that is required for licensure by Chapter 4 of Title 43 if he or she:
 - (a) submits documentation of graduation from a college or university with the major and/or hourly requirements that substantially meet or exceed the requirements under Georgia law for licensure as an Interior Designer;
 - (b) submits documentation showing years of experience doing Interior Design work performed under the supervision of a person whose credentials are acceptable to the Board which meet the requirements for licensure under Georgia law;

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- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits proof of passing the examination required for licensure; and
- (e) submits a completed application on a form approved by the Board for approval to take the licensure examination or for licensure and pays the required fee.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-31, 43-4-32 and 43-4-35.

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Other Business:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on August 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Anne Smith
Anne Smith, President

Darren Mickler
Darren Mickler, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: August 18, 2017