



**GEORGIA STATE BOARD
FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS**
Secretary of State
Professional Licensing Boards Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RULE (320-3-.02 Application by Military or Transitioning Service Member or Spouse)

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board for the Certification of Librarians (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt rule (320-3-.02).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed rule, 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 and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:30 pm 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 web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/librarians. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia State Board for the Certification of Librarians at (478) 207-2440.

Any interested party affected by the rule may present comments to the Board no later than June 9, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Director, Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Comments may be submitted by fax to 1-866-888-1176.


A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. on June 20, 2017 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its April 25, 2017 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. §§43-1-34, 43-24-5, and § 43-1-34. Finally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-24-5, and § 43-24-6 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at 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, owned and operated and dominant in the field of librarians.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board for the Certification of Librarians at its meeting scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. June 25, 2017 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 30217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board for the Certification of Librarians has the authority to adopt the proposed rules for Chapter 320, pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-24-5 and 43-24-6.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.
This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 28 day of April, 2017.



Lisa Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted:



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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE

320-3-.02 Application by Military or Transitioning Service Member or Spouse

Purpose: House Bill 821 was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor effective July 1, 2016. O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34 requires professional licensing boards and other boards to adopt rules and regulations implementing a process by which military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for temporary licenses, licenses by endorsement, expedited licenses, or a combination thereof for each profession, business, or trade for which a license is issued.

Main Feature: To adopt a new rule to provide for the expedited processing of applications from U.S. Military service members or their spouse to come into compliance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34

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

320-3-.02 Application by Military or Transitioning Service Member or Spouse

Beginning July 1, 2017 for applicants of good moral character that can provide proof of active duty as a National Guard or U.S. Military service member, a transitioning service member, or a member on separation leave within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation as those terms are defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, or provide proof that the applicant is a spouse of these service members, the Board may issue a registration, license or certification as follows:

- (a) Applicants identifying themselves as such must provide documentation to demonstrate their status to the Board;
- (b) The applicant obtained a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member or spouse which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state. For the purposes of this rule, an application for Grade 2 Certification under this section may be issued with Board approval if the applicant provides documentation of the equivalent of 12 semesters hours of Library Science or at least one year of equivalent librarian work experience at a military base, or at an academic or public library; and
- (c) Complete applications from a Military or Transitioning Service Member or his or her Spouse will be given priority processing.