

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE RULES,
CHAPTER 250-4 APPRENTICESHIP,
RULE 250-4-.03 SERVING OF APPRENTICESHIP
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 Funeral Service (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service Rules, Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 250-4-.03. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on July 10, 2002.

The proposed rule amendments change the time required to complete apprenticeship hours.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, 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 amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments 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 Georgia State Board of Funeral Service's web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/funeral/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service office at 478-207-1460.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on August 13, 2002 in Room 107, Building "H" at Central Georgia Technical College, 3300 Macon Tech Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments. 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 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for 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 August 6, 2002. Written comments should be addressed to Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards

Division, Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1468.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at its meeting on August 13, 2002 scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 107, Building "H" at Central Georgia Technical College, 3300 Macon Tech Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 250-4-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-18-50, 43-18-51, and 43-18-52.

The formulation and adoption of this rule as considered by the Board on July 10, 2002 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. §§ 43-18-50, 43-18-51, and 43-18-52.

Additionally, as considered by the Board at its meeting on July 10, 2002 it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-18-50, 43-18-51, and 43-18-52 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 rule amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of funeral service.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-1460.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This _____ day of _____, 2002.

**Mollie Fleeman
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards**

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