

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR
DESIGNERS CHAPTER 50-11, RULE 50-11-.01 REQUIREMENTS,
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 Architects and Interior Designers, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to amend paragraph one of Rule 50-11-.01 Requirements. (hereinafter "proposed amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendment and a synopsis of the proposed new rule, is being distributed 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 new rule, and a synopsis of the proposed 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 web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/architects. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. on June 12, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed 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 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 5, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-5805.

The proposed amendment will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:50 a.m. on June 12, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to amend this rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-32.

At its meeting on June 12, 2009, the Board will vote that the formulation and adoption of this amendment 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, 43-4-9 and 43-4-32.

Also, at its meeting on June 12, 2009, the Board will vote that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-32 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 this amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of interior design.

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 7TH day of May, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: May 7, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR
DESIGNERS
CHAPTER 50-11, RULE 50-11-.01 REQUIREMENTS.**

Purpose: The Board proposes to amend paragraph (1) to clarify continuing education requirements.

Main Features: Establishes that half of the required continuing education hours must be in public protection subjects.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA BOARD OF
ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS RULE 50-11-.01,
REQUIREMENTS.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

50-11-.01 Requirements.

(1) Beginning with applications for renewal of certificates of registration which expire on March 31, 2009, a registered interior designer must have completed twelve (12) hours of acceptable continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding each biennial renewal date as a condition for registration renewal. Of these, at least ~~six (6)~~ half of these hours must be in public protection subjects acquired in structured education activities. The remaining units may be in related practice subjects acquired in structured educational activities or in public protection. Computerized courses are accepted from approved programs. Certificate subjects for public protection units must indicate the course qualification for health, safety, and welfare.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-9 and 43-4-32