

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
RULES OF THE GEORGIA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION,  
CHAPTER 55-9 CONTINUING EDUCATION,  
RULE 55-9-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION  
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 Auctioneers Commission (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Auctioneers Commission Rules, Chapter 55-9 Continuing Education, Rule 55-9-.01 Continuing Education. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 55-9-.01. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on October 3, 2006.

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 Auctioneers Commission's web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/auctioneer/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Auctioneers Commission office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2007 at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 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 February 19, 2007. Written comments should be addressed to Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Auctioneers Commission, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1468.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Auctioneers Commission at its meeting on February 26, 2007 scheduled to begin at

**10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Auctioneers Commission has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-6-7 and 43-6-11.2.**

**The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments as considered by the Board on February 26, 2007 do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-6-7 and 43-6-11.2.**

**Additionally, as considered by the Board at its meeting on February 26, 2007 it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-6-7 and 43-6-11.2 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 proposed 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 auctioneering.**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.**

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**Mollie Fleeman  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards**

**Posted: January 12, 2007**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE  
GEORGIA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION,  
CHAPTER 55-9 CONTINUING EDUCATION,  
RULE 55-9-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

Rule 55-9-.01 Continuing Education. is hereby proposed for amendment and adoption as amended.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the rule is to provide for an extension of time under certain circumstances for auctioneers to obtain the required continuing education hours necessary for renewal of their licenses.

**Main Features:** The amendment provides for the Commission, in its discretion, to grant a six-month extension for auctioneers to obtain the required hours of continuing education necessary for renewal of the licenses. The extension may be granted by the Commission under conditions of hardship, disability, illness, or other conditions approved by the Commission, and requires documented proof of such conditions by the licensee prior to the expiration date of the license.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE  
GEORGIA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION,  
CHAPTER 55-9 CONTINUING EDUCATION,  
RULE 55-9-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

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

Rule 55-9-.01 Continuing Education. is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

**55-9-.01 Continuing Education.**

When an auctioneer makes application for renewal of a license, the licensee shall submit with the renewal form, proof, in a form acceptable to the Commission, that the licensee has acquired Commission approved Continuing Education. Continuing Education shall not be required of company licensee holders unless the company owner is a licensed auctioneer. This provision takes effect after the 1991 renewal period. The Commission, in its discretion, may grant an extension of no greater than six months for obtaining Continuing Education in cases of hardship, disability, or illness, or under other circumstances as the Commission deems appropriate. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to submit a written request for an extension of time to obtain the required continuing education 60 days prior to the February 28 expiration date and provide written notarized documentation of hardship, disability, illness, or other specific circumstances for Commission consideration.

**Authority: OCGA §§ 43-6-7 and 43-6-11.2.**