

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE & SECURITY AGENCIES  
CHAPTER 509-4 MINIMUM STANDARDS GOVERNING THE SAFETY AND  
CONDUCT OF LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS,  
RULE 509-4-.01 WEAPONS. AMENDED.  
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 Private Detective & Security Agencies (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies Rules, Chapter 509-4 Minimum Standards Governing The Safety And Conduct Of Licensees And Registrants, Rule 509-4-.01 Weapons. Amended. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 509-4-.01. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on October 19, 2006.

The proposed rule amendments describe the calibers of exposed and concealed weapons that licensees and registrants are authorized to carry on duty by the Board and provide that holders of weapon permits issued by the Board may be approved to carry a shotgun upon written request with justification to the Board.

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 Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies' web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/detective/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 7, 2006 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum 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 November 30, 2006. Written comments should be addressed to Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1468.**

**The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies at its meeting on December 7, 2006 scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 509-4-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-38-4, 43-38-6, 43-38-7, 43-38-10, 43-38-10.1, 43-38-11, and 43-38-11.1.**

**The Board will consider at its meeting on December 7, 2006 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-38-4, 43-38-6, 43-38-7, 43-38-10, 43-38-10.1, 43-38-11, and 43-38-11.1.**

**Additionally, at its meeting on December 7, 2006, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-38-4, 43-38-6, 43-38-7, 43-38-10, 43-38-10.1, 43-38-11, and 43-38-11.1 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 Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the field of private detective and security.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.**

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**Mollie Fleeman  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards**

**Posted: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE & SECURITY AGENCIES  
RULES,  
CHAPTER 509-4 MINIMUM STANDARDS GOVERNING THE SAFETY AND  
CONDUCT OF LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS, RULE 509-4-.01 WEAPONS.  
AMENDED.**

Rule 509-4-.01 Weapons. Amended. is hereby proposed for amendment and adoption as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to describe the calibers of exposed and concealed weapons that licensees and registrants are authorized to carry on duty by the Board and to provide for holders of weapon permits issued by the Board to carry a shotgun upon written request with justification to the Board.

Main Features: The main features of the proposed amendments to the rule is to describe the caliber of revolvers and semi-automatic handguns authorized by the Board for exposed and concealed weapon permits, and to provide for holders of weapon permits issued by the Board to carry a shotgun upon written request with justification to the Board.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND  
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE & SECURITY AGENCIES  
RULES,  
CHAPTER 509-4 MINIMUM STANDARDS GOVERNING THE SAFETY AND  
CONDUCT OF LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS., RULE 509-4-.01 WEAPONS.  
AMENDED.**

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

**509-4-.01 Weapons. Amended.**

(1) No person licensed by the board to carry a firearm shall carry any firearm which is not in operable condition and capable of firing live ammunition, and when carrying such a weapon, the licensee shall have on his person live ammunition capable of being fired in the weapon which he carries.

(2) No person licensed or registered by the board to provide security services shall carry a firearm while performing services for a private security agency or in-house security agency except while providing actual security services or while going directly to and

from work (no stopovers allowed enroute to or from work). Under no condition will a licensee, registrant or any other employee or agent of a licensee carry any sort of firearm or have anyone accompanying them who is carrying a firearm while soliciting new or prospective clients.

(3) The issuance of an exposed weapons permit shall authorize the holder of such permit to carry a ~~.357 caliber~~ revolver of no greater caliber than a .357, or to carry a semi-automatic handgun of no larger greater caliber than a .45 caliber. The applicant for a weapon permit must submit proof of range and classroom training for the caliber weapon carried. All classroom training must be conducted using curriculum approved by the Board.

(a) The holder of an ~~exposed~~ a weapons permit may be authorized to carry a ~~12-gauge riot type~~ shotgun upon request in writing to the board. Such request shall include supporting justification and reasons for the need to use such weapon;

(b) The holder of a weapons permit who has been authorized to carry a shotgun must submit P-proof of two hours of classroom instruction within the past two years to include mechanics of the shotgun, components of the shot-shell, penetration power of the shotgun and safe handling of the shotgun.

(4) The issuance of a concealed weapons permit shall authorize the holder of such permit to carry a ~~weapon~~ revolver of no greater caliber than a .357, ~~caliber revolver~~ or a ~~.45 caliber~~ to carry a semi-automatic handgun of no greater caliber than a .45. The holder of a concealed weapon permit must submit proof of firing range score for the caliber weapon carried.

(5) The holder of any weapon permit issued by the board must qualify annually with the weapon carried or assigned. Proof of range scores must be retained by the license holder or agency.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-38-4, 43-38-6, 43-38-7, 43-38-10, 43-38-10.1, and 43-38-11.**