

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADMEND A RULE OF THE GEORGIA  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
RULE 700-6-.01 *APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.*,  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter “Board”) proposes to amend Board Rule 700-6-.01 *Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians*, (hereinafter “proposed rule amendment”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment 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 amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 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. Copies are available on the Board’s website at [www.sos.ga.gov/plb/veterinary](http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/veterinary) or may be requested by contacting the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 am on February 3, 2010 at the Offices of the Professional Licensing Board Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed new rules. 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 presented in writing. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from 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. EDT) on January 27, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to Randall Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (888)866-1308.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine will consider the proposed rule amendments for adoption at its Board Meeting at 10:05 am on February 3, 2010 at the Offices of the Professional Licensing Board Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52, and 43-50-53.

At the August 19, 2009 board meeting, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules do 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. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52, and 43-50-53.

Also at its meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52, and 43-50-53 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C) & (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2009.

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Acting Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: November 1, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT**  
**700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

Purpose: The purpose of the rule amendment is to remove the ability for individuals to seek licensure by experience.

Main Features: The main feature of the rule amendment removes the ability for individuals to seek licensure by experience.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE**  
**PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT TO THE**  
**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE**  
**700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

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

**700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section 43-50-52 of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:

(a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;

(b) The applicant is of good moral character; and

(c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis.

(d) ~~Until January 1, 2005, any person who during the period from July 1, 1993, through June 30, 2003, acquired a minimum of five years of experience assisting a licensed veterinarian may, with a signed affidavit from his or her supervising veterinarian attesting to his or her level of on-the-job training, be allowed to take the examination approved by the board.~~ If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);

(e) ~~If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);~~ The applicant has paid all applicable fees.

(f) ~~The applicant has paid all applicable fees.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52, and 43-50-53.