

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-7-.06 EXPEDITED LICENSES FOR MILITARY SPOUSES, SERVICE MEMBERS,
AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS. 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 Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") proposes a new Rule to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rules: Rule 150-7-.06 EXPEDITED LICENSES FOR MILITARY SPOUSES, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS (hereinafter "proposed rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule 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 Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Dentistry's web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov/>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2017 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. 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 prior to March 31, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at 2 Peachtree Street NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX:678-717-6435. You may email your comments to tbattle@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 AM on April 7, 2017 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-34, 43-11-2.1, 43-11-7.

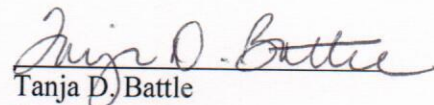
At its meeting on March 3, 2017, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-9.

At its meeting on 3/3/2017, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§43-11-7, 43-11-9 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 rule will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

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

This 6th day of March, 2017.



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Executive Director
Georgia Board of Dentistry

Posted: March 6, 2017

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-7-.06 EXPEDITED LICENSES FOR MILITARY SPOUSES, SERVICE MEMBERS,
AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to permit expedited application review for a service member, military spouse, or transitioning service member applying for a license before the Board.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to grant review of a completed application within 14 business days of submission to the Board of Dentistry.

**PROPOSED RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
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AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.**

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

**150-7-.06 Expedited Licenses for Military Spouses, Service Members, and
Transitioning Service Members.**

- (1) As used in this Rule:
- (a) “Expedited application review” means the review of a completed application within fourteen (14) business days of submission to the Board of Dentistry;
 - (b) “License” means a document issued by the Board of Dentistry to an applicant granting the applicant the ability to lawfully practice dentistry or dental hygiene under Title 43, Chapter 11;
 - (c) “Military” means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard;
 - (d) “Military spouse” means a spouse of a service member or a transitioning service member;
 - (e) “Service member” means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard;
 - (f) “Transitioning service member” means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.
- (2) A service member, military spouse, or transitioning service member qualifies for expedited application review once the applicant has submitted a completed application.
- (3) No application submitted under this Rule shall be denied without review by a quorum of the Board.
- (4) Within the time permitted for expedited application review, all applications shall either be granted or referred to the full Board for review.
- (5) If an application is referred to the full Board for review, it shall be reviewed and considered by the Board not later than its next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Authorities: O.C.G.A. §§43-1-34, 43-11-2.1, 43-11-7