

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
DENTISTRY
RULE 150-4-.01 INVESTIGATIONS. 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 State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rule 150-4-.01 INVESTIGATIONS. AMENDED. (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments, 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 rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed 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 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/>.

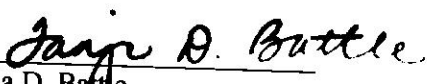
A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM on September 19, 2014 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. At the public hearing, anyone may present 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. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to September 12, 2014. 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 amendments will be considered by the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 AM on September 19, 2014 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 amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-21, 43-11-2.1, 43-11-7, 43-11-47, 43-11-72.

At its meeting on July 18, 2014, 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. The formulation and adoption of these amendments 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 28th day of July, 2014.



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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-4-.01 INVESTIGATIONS. AMENDED.**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to establish how the Board may initiate an investigation as to whether violations of the rules or laws governing the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene have occurred.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to set forth the circumstances in which a matter pertaining to an investigation may be made public.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
RULE 150-4-.01 INVESTIGATIONS. AMENDED.**

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

RULE 150-4-.01 INVESTIGATIONS. AMENDED.

(1) The Board shall promptly conduct investigations to determine whether violations of the rules and laws governing the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene have occurred. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the Board upon its own motion or upon receipt of a ~~signed~~, written complaint.

(2) Any matter pertaining to an investigation shall be kept in confidence by the Board until such matter is made part of a public document, ~~or is~~ introduced as evidence at a hearing, or is provided to a law enforcement agency or another lawful licensing authority of this state or any other state upon inquiry by said agency or authority under to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h)(2), 43-1-21. Upon the revocation or suspension of a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, notice may be released to the press and other news media.

(3) The Board, in its discretion, may schedule an interview with a licensee as a part of its investigation of a matter. Notice of the date, time and location of the interview shall be provided to the dentist or hygienist along with information apprising him or her of the subject matter of the allegations to be discussed.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-21, 43-11-2.1, 43-11-7, 43-11-47, 43-11-72.