

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT RULE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-3, 50-13-4, 50-13-6, 50-13-21, and, 33-2-9 of the following proposal by the Commissioner of Insurance to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance are proposed to be amended by the following action:

-Adopting an amendment to Regulation 120-2-3-.09 entitled "Examinations."

SYNOPSIS AND EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The current version of the above-referenced regulation provides that any person taking an examination for licensing and not receiving a passing grade shall not be entitled to retake the examination until two (2) weeks have elapsed. The proposed amendment would allow the Commissioner to reduce such two (2) week period to (2) days, at his discretion, for good cause shown. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow this state to compete on more favorable terms with other states having less lengthy licensure re-examination waiting period requirements. Additionally, the proposed amendment is intended to allow the Commissioner more discretion to facilitate the licensing of persons quickly in areas of the state in immediate need of relevant services.

The full text of the proposed amendment entitled "Examinations" is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SCHEDULE

The aforesaid proposals, which are being forwarded to the Attorney General for approval as to legality pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9, are now on file in the Administrative Procedure Division of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and are hereby declared to be a public record as follows:

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking process by submitting their written comments to **Vince Wiegand, Administrative Procedure Division, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments must be received by the Administrative Procedure Division by Friday, March 23, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.** Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting oral comments at the hearing to commence

on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Seventh Floor, West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Oral presentations at the hearing may be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Administrative Procedure Division.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commissioner of Insurance may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules which may require another rulemaking hearing.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this 21st day of February, 2018.



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