

### **700-7-.01 Renewal of License.**

(1) Every person who holds a valid license, as a veterinarian issued by the Board shall immediately upon issuance thereof be deemed registered with the Board and be issued a certificate of registration. Said license shall expire on December 31 of the even numbered years and shall be renewable biennially in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 43-50-40 upon payment of the biennial license fees. Any licensee whose address changes must notify the Board in writing within 30 days of that change of address.

(2) The payment of the renewal fee for a licensed veterinarian on active duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States shall be waived for a period of time not to exceed the longer of three years or the duration of a national emergency.

(3) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 15-12-1 whose license to practice veterinary medicine or as a veterinary technician expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice veterinary medicine or as a veterinary technician in accordance with the expired license and shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location with the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service members commanding officer to waive any charges.

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