

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE 700-11-.01 *INACTIVE STATUS*
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 Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter “Board”) proposes to adopt amendments to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine Rule, Rule 700-11-.01 *Inactive Status* (hereinafter “proposed amended rule”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amended rule and a synopsis of the proposed amended 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 amended rule, and a synopsis of the proposed amended 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 Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine’s web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/veterinary/. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on February 27, 2013 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amended 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 may be received prior to February 20, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-9159. You may email your comments via the PLB website at the following address: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/contact.htm>.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. on February 27, 2013, at 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 this proposed amended rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-50-21 and 43-50-40.

At its meeting on December 5, 2012, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amended rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-50-21 and 43-50-40.

Also, at its meeting on December 5, 2012, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of §§ 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-50-21 and 43-50-40 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 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 23rd day of January, 2013.

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE 700-11-.01
INACTIVE STATUS.**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule amendment is to extend the option of inactive status to veterinary technicians.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to extend the option of inactive status to veterinary technicians.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 700-11-.01
INACTIVE STATUS.**

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

700-11-.01 Inactive Status.

(1) A veterinarian or veterinary technician who wishes to discontinue the practice of veterinary medicine may apply for an “inactive license.” A veterinarian or veterinary technician holding an “inactive license” may not practice.

(2) A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or a veterinary technician who holds a valid current active license to practice Veterinary Medicine as a veterinarian or veterinary technician in the State of Georgia may request the license be placed on inactive status under the following provisions:

(a) The Board receives a written request from the licensee requesting inactive status. The written request shall contain the notarized signature of the licensee and contain the following statements:

1. “I understand that with an inactive license I shall not engage in the practice of veterinary medicine as a veterinarian or veterinary technician and shall not hold myself out to the public as being available to provide veterinary services.”
2. “I understand that I am not required to renew said license while on inactive status.”
3. “I understand I am not required to obtain the continuing education credits while on inactive status unless I request to be placed on active status.”
4. “I understand that to practice or to hold oneself out as available to practice veterinary medicine with an inactive license is unlicensed practice and I would be subject to disciplinary action.”

(b) A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or veterinary technician holding an inactive license may seek active status.

To reinstate the license to active status the licensee must:

1. Submit a written request for reinstatement of said inactive license.
2. Submit proof of attendance at not less than 30 hours of Board approved continuing education within two years of the date of the request to reinstate.
3. Provide evidence acceptable to the Board that the licensee has not had a license revoked, suspended, disciplined or otherwise sanctioned in any other jurisdiction that ever issued a license to practice.
4. Provide evidence acceptable to the Board that licensee has not been convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude.
5. Pay the reinstatement fee, as determined by the Board in the fee schedule.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-50-21 and 43-50-40.