

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE 700-6-.01
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS 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 700-6-.01 *Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians* (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- 25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-53.

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- 25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-53.

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- 25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-53 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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Posted: January 23, 2013

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE 700-6-.01
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule amendment is to broaden the definition of a “passing score” on the National Veterinary Technician Examination for purposes of registration as a veterinarian and to include a numerical score that corresponds with the scoring system used on the current exam.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to broaden the definition of a “passing score” on the National Veterinary Technician Examination for purposes of registration as a veterinarian and to include a numerical score that corresponds with the scoring system used on the current exam.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 700-6-.01
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

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

700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.

- (1) Application for registration of Veterinary Technicians shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- (2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section 43-50-52 of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:
 - (a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;
 - (b) The applicant is of good moral character; and
 - (c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis.
 - (d) If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);
 - (e) The applicant has paid all applicable fees.
- (3) All applicants for registration must present proof of having obtained a passing scaled score of at least 425 ~~where the scores range from 200-800 or a passing score of at least 75 when the range is from 0-100~~ on the National Veterinary Technician Examination or other examination similar in nature and scope as the Board from time to time will adopt.
 - (a) Such previous scores must be reported to the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine by the Interstate Reporting Service.
 - (b) Candidates desiring to transfer scores must pay all applicable fees.
- (4) No person shall take the examination more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.
- (5) Registrations shall be renewable biennially by December 31 of the year in which registration expires.
 - (a) Registration must be renewed within one year after expiration date with the payment of the renewal and late fees. Failure to comply voids registration.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-53.