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URGENT: CHANGE IN STATE LAW WILL DELAY YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL. SUBMIT AFFADAVIT NOW TO AVOID PROBLEMS!!

Dear Colleague:

During the 2011 legislative session, the General Assembly passed HB 87, "The Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011." The amendments in HB 87 altered the requirements for verifying the lawful presence of all applicants for public benefits, which specifically included professional licenses. These amendments became effective January 1, 2012.

Pursuant to HB 87, every applicant for a public benefit (i.e. license) must provide a notarized affidavit of your citizenship status and at least one secure and verifiable document to verify the applicant's lawful presence in the United States. The Board office is required to attach this information to each application and renewal file.

The Attorney General of the State of Georgia has advised us that the law requires us to collect this documentation not only from initial applicants for licensure, but also from each applicant for renewal of licensure. **This means that if your affidavit and verifiable document(s) are not received prior to your renewal; your renewal will be delayed until this information is received and processed by the Board office.**

If you have a question as to what is a 'secure and verifiable document', please refer to the approved list of documents which has been posted by the Attorney General to its website and is included below.

My fellow licensees of the Composite Medical Board, I urge you to submit your affidavit and verifiable document(s) today, to avoid having your practice disrupted by the expected delays caused by this additional documentation.

Sincerely,

William J Butler, MD
Chairperson, Georgia Composite Medical Board

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O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) Affidavit for Application/Renewal of Medical Board License

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a professional license, as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

1) _____ I am a United States citizen.

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.

3) _____ I am a citizen and permanent resident of the country of _____.

4) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency. My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document attached to this affidavit can best be classified as: *(see instructions below)*

_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____(state).

_____	_____
License Type (Phy.,PA., RCP,etc.)	Signature of Applicant
_____	_____
License Number	Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS
THE ___ DAY OF _____, 20____

_____
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

INSTRUCTIONS TO LICENSEE OR APPLICANT:

1. **Be sure to submit the correct type of document with this affidavit.** If you are not a citizen but reside in the United States, you must submit a copy of a document we can use to verify your lawful presence, such as your U.S. Permanent Resident Card, Alien Registration Receipt Card, foreign passport with I- 94 attached, etc. If you are a U.S. citizen or residing in your country of residence, you may submit a copy of your passport, military ID card, driver's license or ID card issued by a state or territory of the U.S. or country of residence.

2. Submit this affidavit and at least one acceptable verifiable document by fax to **404-656-9723** or by email to **securedocuments@dch.ga.gov**.
3. Then, mail this **original** affidavit and a **copy** of the verifiable document to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree St NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Secure and Verifiable Documents Under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2

Issued August 1, 2011 by the Office of the Attorney General, Georgia

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 ("IIREA") provides that "[n]ot later than August 1, 2011, the Attorney General shall provide and make public on the Department of Law's website a list of acceptable secure and verifiable documents. The list shall be reviewed and updated annually by the Attorney General." O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(f). The Attorney General may modify this list on a more frequent basis, if necessary.

The following list of secure and verifiable documents, published under the authority of O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status.

- A United States passport or passport card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A United States military identification card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A driver's license issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- An identification card issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A tribal identification card of a federally recognized Native American tribe, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer. A listing of federally recognized Native American tribes may be found at: http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/TribalGovernmentServices/TribalDirectory/ind ex.htm [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A United States Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- An Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph of the bearer

- [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A passport issued by a foreign government [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 22 CFR § 41.2]

- A NEXUS card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 22 CFR § 41.2]

- A Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) card [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 22 CFR § 41.2]

- A driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 8 CFR § 274a.2]

- A Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-560 or Form N-561) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]

- A Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (Form N-550 or Form N-570) [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(b)(3); 6 CFR § 37.11]

- In addition to the documents listed herein, if, in administering a public benefit or program, an agency is required by federal law to accept a document or other form of identification for proof of or documentation of identity, that document or other form of identification will be deemed a secure and verifiable document solely for that particular program or administration of that particular public benefit. [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2(c)]