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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT RULES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules by amending **Rule 360-39-.03 "Temporary License."** An exact copy of the proposed rule is attached to this Notice.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rules and a synopsis of the proposed amendments may be reviewed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official state holidays, at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. These documents can also be reviewed online at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/board/notice-intent-amendadopt-rules>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m. on January 5, 2023, via TEAMS** to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rules. At the public hearing, any interested person may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument orally or in writing. Lengthy statements and 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 five minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. To ensure their consideration, submit all written comments by **December 22, 2022, to Kierra.Battle@dch.ga.gov** or via mail to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules Committee at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **November 3, 2022**. Upon conclusion of the public hearing on **January 5, 2023**, the Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments imposes excessive regulatory costs on any license or entity, and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that accomplishes the objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule. Additionally, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D).

This Notice is adopted and posted in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act. A synopsis of the proposed rules and an economic impact statement are attached to this Notice. The authority for promulgation of these rules is O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-34-5, 43-34-103, and 43-34-108.

Issued this day November 3, 2022.

Daniel R. Dorsey
Executive Director

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR

RULE CHAPTER 360-39

Genetic Counselors

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The attached rules are promulgated under the authority of the Medical Practice Act, Title 43, Chapter 34. The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses and regulates nine professions. The formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D).

RULE SYNOPSIS:

Rule 360-39-.03 “Temporary License”

Purpose/Main Features: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to better reflect the posture of American Board of Genetic Counseling, Inc. (or ABGC), and the ongoing ability of candidates to take the examination in active candidate status for a longer period of time. Effective June 1, 2021, ABGC made changes to Certified Genetic Counselor examination eligibility, providing “new graduates an extended period of active candidate status for up to five years.”

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-5, 43-34-312

Rule 360-39-.03 Temporary License

A temporary license may be issued to an individual who has made application to the board, has submitted evidence to the board of admission to examination for licensure, has met all of the requirements for licensure in accordance with this Code section, except for the examination requirement, and has met any other condition established by rule. The holder of a temporary license shall practice only under the supervision of a qualified supervisor and may not have the authority to order genetic tests. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an applicant from reapplying for a temporary license if he or she meets the qualifications of this subsection. The Temporary license is only valid for ~~18~~ 12 months. If the temporary licensee has not obtained certification by the end of the 12-month temporary license period, the applicant may request a temporary license renewal/extension of another 12 months. In order to grant this extension, written recommendation by a qualified supervisor who has supervised applicant within the past 12 months must be submitted to the board. The applicant can continue to request 12-month temporary license renewals/extensions (with supporting recommendation each time) until he or she is no longer eligible for active candidate status with ABGC or ABMG.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-5, 43-34-312.