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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 adopting **Chapter 360-37, "Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members Licensure."** 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, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. These documents can also be reviewed online at <http://medicalboard.georgia.gov/notice-intent-amendadopt-rules>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m.** on **June 9, 2017** at 1430 John Wesley Gilbert Drive, Augusta, Georgia 30901 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 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be sent to Briana.Fry-Jones@dch.ga.gov or to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and must be received by June 1, 2017.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **April 6, 2017**. Upon conclusion of the public hearing on **June 9, 2017**, 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. §§ 43-1-34 and 43-34-5.

Issued this day, May 8, 2017.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 360-37

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 Chapter 360-37, “Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members Licensure.”

Purpose/Main Feature: The purpose of this proposed amendment is to provide for an expedited licensure process for military spouses and transitioning service members.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34 and 43-34-5.

Chapter 360-37. Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members Licensure.

Rule 360-37-.01. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "License" means a document, permit, certificate of registration, or other authorization issued by or on behalf of the Composite State Medical Board to a person to engage in a profession or business regulated under O.C.G.A. T. 43, Ch. 34.
- (2) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (3) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (4) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (5) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-34 and 43-34-5.

Rule 360-37-.02. Application

Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the law and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied:

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-34 and 43-34-5.