

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-20-.02 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS, 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 Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-20-.02 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, 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 rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments 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 Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 12:00 PM on December 17, 2014 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. 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 must be received prior to December 10, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX: 678-717-6694. You may email your comments to tbattle@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 12:05 PM on 12/17/2014 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-34, 26-4-27, 26-4-115.

At its meeting on October 22, 2014, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

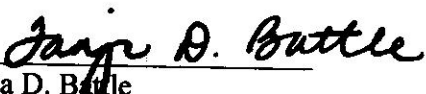
At its meeting on 10/22/2014, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A§ 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of

these amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 14th day of November, 2014.



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Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: November 14, 2014

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-20-.02 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to require the maintenance of records of unusual orders of controlled substances.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to ensure the proper licensure or registration of customers.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-20-.02 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS**

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

480-20-.02 Record-Keeping Requirements For Registrants.

(1) Each registrant shall maintain records of unusual orders of controlled substances received by the registrant and shall inform the Office of the Director of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency (GDNA) of unusual orders when discovered by the registrant. For purposes of this section, an unusual order shall include orders of greatly increased quantity, orders deviating substantially from a normal pattern, and orders of highly abnormal frequency.

(2) Before distributing or transferring any controlled substance and/or a dangerous drug, without a prescription drug order, to any customer, a registrant must ensure such customer is properly licensed or registered to purchase, receive, or possess such drug(s) by maintaining, on file, a copy of the current license or registration for any and all such customers. Any transfer, sale, distribution of a drug to an unlicensed or unregistered customer shall be deemed to be in violation of O.C.G.A. 26-4-115, 16-13-30 and/or 16-13-72.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 16-13-34, 26-4-27, 26-4-115.