

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-5-.04 IMPAIRED PHARMACISTS, INTERNS AND EXTERNS, 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 480-5-.04 IMPAIRED PHARMACISTS, INTERNS, AND EXTERNS (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. §§ 43-1-19, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-60.

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.

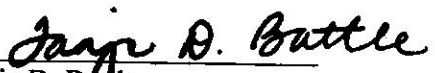
At its meeting on 10/22/2014, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of

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 480-5-.04 IMPAIRED PHARMACISTS, INTERNS, AND EXTERNS**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to permit the Board to place conditions on the license of the impaired pharmacist, intern, or extern.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to obligate a licensed professional with knowledge of an impaired professional to report such knowledge to the Board.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-5-.04 IMPAIRED PHARMACISTS, INTERNS, AND EXTERNS**

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

480-5-.04 Impaired Pharmacists, Interns and Externs.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. T.26, Ch. 4 and O.C.G.A. Section 43-1-19, whenever a pharmacist, intern or extern becomes unfit to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental or physical condition including impairment due to the use of alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or other habit-forming drugs, the Board has the duty and authority to place appropriate conditions or limitations on that person's license, including suspension or revocation. Whenever such pharmacist, intern or extern is impaired or has otherwise endangered the public health and welfare while engaged in the practice of pharmacy, and any other Board licensee is aware of such impairment he/she has the obligation and duty to notify the Board of such impaired persons and their actions.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-60.