

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION RULES
CHAPTER 520
Rule 520-1-.04 (13)
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Real Estate Commission (hereinafter "Commission") proposes amendments to the Georgia Real Estate Commission Rules, Chapter 520; Rule 520-1-.04 (13) (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, is being disseminated to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Georgia Real Estate Commission, Suite 1000 International Tower, 229 Peachtree Street, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Real Estate Commission web page at <http://www.grec.state.ga.us>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Commission office at (404) 656-3916. A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 14, 2017, at the Georgia Real Estate Commission, Suite 1000 International Tower, 229 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule 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 five (5) minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be received in the office prior to the close of business (4:30 P.M.) on June 7, 2017, to allow for

timely processing. Written comments should be addressed to Frank Lynn Dempsey, Georgia Real Estate Commission, Suite 1000 International Tower, 229 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Commission at its meeting on June 14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. following the public hearing. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Real Estate Commission has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 520-1-.02 (2) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-40-2 (e).

The Commission will consider at its meeting on June 14, 2017, whether the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments imposes excessive regulatory cost on any Georgia real estate licensee and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-40-2 (e).

Additionally, at the meeting on June 14, 2017, the Commission will consider whether it is legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-40-2 (e) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (a), (3) (A), (B), (C) and (D). The Commission will consider whether the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments will impact every real estate licensee in the same manner.

For further information, contact the Commission at (404) 656-3916.

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

This 10th day of May, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Dempsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "D".

Lynn Dempsey
Georgia Real Estate Commissioner

Posted: May 10th, 2017

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION RULES
CHAPTER 520

Rule 520-1-.04 (13)

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to provide expedited processing of license applications submitted to the Commission by military spouses or transitioning service members.

Main Features: The main features of the proposed rule amendments are to:

- (1) Allow an applicant to show that he or she is a military spouse or transitioning service member as defined in Rule 520-1-.02 (2) and that he or she has paid the license fee and met the requirements for the license for which the applicant has applied.

- (2) Offer such applicant expedited processing of their license application.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULES AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION RULES

CHAPTER 520

Rule 520-1-.04 (13)

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

(13) Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Member Applications.

Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of any license application submitted to the Commission 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.