

The Senate Government Oversight Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1055:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and
2 licenses, so as to make revisions to certain provisions relating to professions and licenses;
3 to provide that a designee of the division director of the professional licensing boards may
4 sign and attest orders and processes; to amend certain requirements relating to applications
5 for certification as a registered interior designer; to revise a definition relevant to athletic
6 trainers without expanding the scope of practice beyond the determination of an advising and
7 consenting physician; to revise provisions relating to inspectors at auctions; to provide for
8 service of documents and applications relating to geologists upon the division director at his
9 or her office; to repeal certain provisions relating to license by reciprocity for massage
10 therapists; to revise provisions relating to license by endorsement for massage therapists; to
11 provide for certain education and training requirements satisfactory for the issuance of
12 physical therapist licenses; to provide for licensure by endorsement for physical therapists;
13 to provide for the establishment of the renewal period for expired licenses for veterinarians
14 and veterinary technicians by the division director; to provide for related matters; to repeal
15 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

17 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
18 is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 43-1-3, relating to duties of division
19 director and serving notice or process on boards through the division director, as follows:
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21 "(b) All orders and processes of the professional licensing boards shall be signed and
22 attested by the division director, or his or her designee, in the name of the particular
23 professional licensing board, with the seal of such board attached. Any notice or legal
24 process necessary to be served upon any of the professional licensing boards may be served
25 upon the division director."

1 licensure considered by the board to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure under
2 this chapter. Reserved."

3 SECTION 7.

4 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 43-24A-13, relating
5 to license by endorsement relative to massage therapists, as follows:

6 "(4) The applicant is either:

7 (A) ~~Is currently licensed as a massage therapist in another jurisdiction, state, or~~
8 ~~territory of the United States or foreign country which requires standards for licensure~~
9 ~~considered by the board to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this~~
10 ~~chapter; or~~

11 (B) ~~Has current certification by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic~~
12 ~~Massage and Bodywork or an equivalent certification approved by the National~~
13 ~~Commission for Certifying Agencies."~~

14 SECTION 8.

15 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-33-12, relating
16 to requirements for license to practice physical therapy, as follows:

17 "(2) Has satisfactorily passed an examination prepared or approved by the board and has
18 acquired any additional education and training required by the board; and"

19 SECTION 9.

20 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-33-15, relating to reciprocity
21 relative to licenses of physical therapists, as follows:

22 "43-33-15.

23 ~~The board may grant to a person licensed in another state or territory of the United States~~
24 ~~full privileges to engage in equivalent practice authorized by this chapter without taking~~
25 ~~an examination, provided:~~

26 (1) ~~That such person is properly licensed under the laws of another state or territory or~~
27 ~~the United States; and~~

28 (2) ~~That the requirements for licensing in such other state or territory of the United States~~
29 ~~are substantially equal to the requirements for a similar license in this state. The board~~
30 ~~may, in its discretion, waive the examination provided for in paragraph (2) of Code~~
31 ~~Section 43-33-12 and may, subject to the provisions under Code Sections 43-33-18 and~~
32 ~~43-33-19, grant to a person licensed in another state or territory of the United States full~~
33 ~~privileges to engage in an equivalent practice authorized by this chapter to any person~~
34 ~~who has qualifications the board determines to be the substantial equivalent of the~~

1 qualifications described under paragraph (1) of Code Section 43-33-12 and who is
 2 properly licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the United States;
 3 provided, however, that the license held by such person was issued after an examination
 4 which, in the judgment of the board, is the equivalent of the standards established by the
 5 board. In waiving the examination requirement, the board may require additional
 6 education or training."

7 **SECTION 10.**

8 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 43-50-40, relating
 9 to renewal of licenses and registrations, reinstatement, waiver of fee, continuing education,
 10 and inactive status relative to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, as follows:

11 "(b) Any person who shall practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology after the
 12 expiration of his or her license or registration and willfully or by neglect fail to renew such
 13 license or registration shall be practicing in violation of this article, provided that any
 14 person may renew an expired license or registration within ~~one year of the date of its~~
 15 ~~expiration~~ the period established by the division director in accordance with Code Section
 16 43-1-4 by making written application for renewal and paying the ~~current renewal fee plus~~
 17 ~~all delinquent renewal~~ applicable fees. After ~~one year has elapsed from the date of the~~
 18 ~~expiration~~ the time period established by the division director has elapsed, such license or
 19 registration may be reinstated in accordance with the rules of the board."

20 **SECTION 11.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.