

House Bill 297

By: Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Nix of the 69th, Geisinger of the 48th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Maxwell of the 17th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 appointment and general powers of division director, members and meetings of professional
3 licensing boards, examination standards, roster of licensees, and funding, so as to provide for
4 professional licensing boards to make designations for the receipt and processing of
5 applications for examination; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment and
9 general powers of division director, members and meetings of professional licensing boards,
10 examination standards, roster of licensees, and funding, is amended by revising subsection
11 (j) as follows:

12 "(j) The division director may establish administrative standards for the examination of
13 applicants for licensure by the various professional licensing boards, notwithstanding any
14 other provisions of law to the contrary. These administrative standards may include the
15 setting of date, time, and location of examinations, subject to the approval of the respective
16 professional licensing boards. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary,
17 examination criteria, examination grading procedures, examination fees, examination
18 passing score requirements, and other matters pertaining to the examination of applicants
19 for licensure may be adopted by rules and regulations of the respective professional
20 licensing boards as necessary to implement such examination standards. Examination
21 standards, including examination criteria, grading procedures, and passing score
22 requirements, developed in agreement or in conjunction with a national association of state
23 boards or other related national association for the administration of a nationally
24 recognized uniform examination may be adopted in lieu of state standards by the respective
25 professional licensing boards. A professional licensing board may contract with a national

26 association of state boards or other related national association to receive applications for
27 examinations and perform administrative services with respect to such applications."

28 **SECTION 2.**

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