

Senate Bill 471

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Payne of the 54th and Beach of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and  
2 businesses, so as to change the expiration and renewal dates for certain licenses and  
3 certificates issued by certain professional licensing boards; to provide for exceptions and for  
4 applicability; to provide for the division director within the office of the Secretary of State  
5 to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate such provisions; to conform a cross-reference; to  
6 provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,  
11 is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-4, relating to expiration, renewal, and penalty  
12 dates of licenses and certificates, duration of validity, and renewals, as follows:

13 "43-1-4.

14 (a) The division director shall determine the expiration, renewal, and penalty dates for  
15 each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the office  
16 of the division director which is subject to renewal. Before becoming effective, these

17 expiration, renewal, and penalty dates ~~must~~ shall be approved by the respective  
18 professional licensing boards through rules and regulations.

19 (b)(1) On and before December 31, 2024, each ~~Each~~ license and certificate issued by the  
20 professional licensing boards through the office of the division director ~~which are~~ that is  
21 subject to renewal shall be valid for up to two years and shall be renewable biennially on  
22 the renewal date established by the division director, as approved by the respective  
23 professional licensing boards through rules and regulations.

24 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law specific to each professional licensing  
25 board, each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the  
26 office of the division director on and after January 1, 2025, that is subject to renewal shall  
27 be valid for up to five years and shall be renewable on the renewal date established by the  
28 division director, as approved by the respective professional licensing boards through  
29 rules and regulations.

30 (c) The division director is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to  
31 implement the ~~biennial~~ renewal of licenses and certificates in such manner as to ensure that  
32 the number of renewals is reasonably evenly distributed throughout each ~~two-year~~ five-year  
33 period.

34 (d) The provisions of this Code section shall not be applicable to the renewal of licenses  
35 and certificates under the professional licensing boards established under Chapters 9, 10A,  
36 11A, 26 through 30, 33, 35, 39, 44, and 50 of this title. Instead, each license and certificate  
37 issued by such professional licensing boards through the office of the division director that  
38 is subject to renewal shall be valid for up to two years and shall be renewable biennially  
39 on the renewal date established by the division director, as approved by the respective  
40 professional licensing boards through rules and regulations."

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**SECTION 2.**

42 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-6-11.2, relating to expiration of  
43 licenses, waiver of continuing education requirement, and rules and regulations, as follows:

44 "43-6-11.2.

45 (a) Licenses for auctioneers shall expire ~~biennially~~ as provided in Code Section 43-1-4.

46 The commission shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of an auctioneer's  
47 license under this chapter to complete commission approved continuing education of not  
48 more than eight hours biennially.

49 (b) The commission shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in  
50 cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the  
51 commission deems appropriate.

52 (c) The commission shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement  
53 and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

54 ~~(d) This Code section shall apply to each biennial renewal cycle which begins after the~~  
55 ~~1990-1991 renewal."~~

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**SECTION 3.**

57 For purposes of proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its  
58 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other  
59 purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

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**SECTION 4.**

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