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Commissioner

Georgia Department of Agriculture

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DATE: August 28, 2015

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Amendments to Rules relating to the Georgia Animal Protection Act

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 4-11-14 and 50-13-4, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding the adoption of amendments to Chapter 40-13-13 relating to Animal Protection. The Department will be accepting written comments from August 28, 2015 to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 28, 2015.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES

Proposed Changes to Rule 40-13-13-.01 "Definitions"

The Department is proposing to move current provision 40-13-13(34) into current provision 40-13-13(3) so that definitions and requirements for "adequate ventilation" are consolidated.

The Department is also proposing to add a new Rule 40-13-13(34) to define "Exhibition Event". An Exhibition event will be defined as a Reptile or Exotic/Pet Bird show or event that has been issued a special written permit by the State Veterinarian's office.

Proposed Changes to Rule 40-13-13-.02 "Licenses"

The Department is proposing to change the fee structure for Pet Dealer's licenses and provide for the creation of a "non-resident exhibitor's license." The new proposed fee structure would eliminate the \$50 pet dealers license defined in current Rule 40-13-13-.02 (c)(1), and replace it with a fee for a "Non-resident exhibitor's license." A Non-resident exhibition license will allow for pet dealers not having a permanent fixed facility in Georgia to participate in "Exhibition Events". The license will have an annual fee of \$200.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from August 28, 2015 to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 28, 2015. Comments will be considered on September 29, 2015. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rules. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rules may be downloaded from the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.georgia.gov.

This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.