SYNOPSIS

RULES OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4, this document contains synopses of the proposed rule changes to the Rules of the Georgia Board of Accountancy (hereinafter "Board"). As per O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(1), the synopses of each proposed rule change includes "a statement of the purpose and the main features of the proposed rule, and, in the case of a proposed amendatory rule... the differences between the existing rule and the proposed rule."

20-11-.01 Introduction

- <u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- Main features of the rule: Defines terms and establishes the purpose of CPE.
- <u>Differences between the existing rule and proposed rule</u>: Adds terms, definitions and meanings not previously included.

20-11-.02 Requirements

- <u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- <u>Main features of the rule</u>: Defines requirements for CPAs to meet during each CPE reporting period.
- <u>Differences between the existing rule and proposed rule</u>: Removes the "accounting and auditing" requirement and adds technical fields of study and an Ethics requirement.

20-11-.03 Programs Which Qualify

- <u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- <u>Main features of the rule</u>: Defines what CPE programs qualify to provide CPE to licensees in Georgia.
- <u>Differences between the existing rule and proposed rule</u>: Updates language for current provider standards as outlined in the UAA.

20-11-.04 Controls and Reporting

- <u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- <u>Main features of the rule</u>: Defines what CPE records qualify for proof of CPE for licensees in Georgia.
- <u>Differences between the existing rule and proposed rule</u>: Updates language for current CPE Model as outlined in the UAA.

20-11-.05 Calculation of CPE Credit

- <u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- <u>Main features of the rule</u>: Defines what qualifies as CPE credit and accepted calculations for licensees in Georgia.
- <u>Differences between the existing rule and proposed rule</u>: Updates language for current CPE Model as outlined in the UAA.

20-11-.06 CPE Reciprocity

- <u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of the amendment is to conform the Rule to the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE to go into effect January 1, 2024.
- <u>Main features of the rule</u>: Adds CPE Reciprocity for Georgia licensees residing in other States which was not previously in Georgia's Rule.