

1 21 NCAC 32N .0114 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32N .0114 SUMMARY SUSPENSION**
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5 (a) If the Board finds that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, it may, pursuant to
6 G.S. 150B-3(c), summarily suspend a license without a hearing or opportunity for the licensee to be heard.

7 (b) A motion to summarily suspend a license pursuant to this Rule shall be supported by competent evidence of
8 the facts alleged requiring emergency action.

9 (c) The Board shall consult with independent counsel prior to issuing an order of summary suspension. The
10 role of independent counsel shall be to advise the Board on the reliability and competency of the evidence presented
11 in support of the motion for summary suspension.

12 (d) An order of summary suspension shall make preliminary findings of facts indicating why the public health,
13 safety, or welfare requires emergency action. An order of summary suspension shall be accompanied by a notice of
14 charges setting out the licensee's alleged violations of G.S. 90-14(a). Upon service of the order of summary
15 suspension, the licensee to whom the order is directed shall immediately cease practicing in North Carolina.

16 (e) The Board shall, when it summarily suspends a license, schedule a hearing to occur at the earliest
17 practicable date, but no later than 30 days from the date of service of the order of summary suspension. The purpose
18 of the hearing will be to determine whether there is a preponderance of competent evidence supporting the order of
19 summary suspension. A hearing on the order of summary suspension may be combined with a hearing on the merits
20 of the notice of charges on a date mutually agreed upon by the parties.

21 (f) The order of summary suspension shall remain in effect until the Board vacates it.

22 (g) Neither an order of summary suspension nor a decision upholding an order of summary suspension is a
23 final agency decision.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 150B-3(c);*

26 *Eff. July 1, 2019.*
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