

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB5772

Introduced 2/16/2012, by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code. Provides that the transportation of deceased human remains that have been donated pursuant to the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act to any authorized donee under that Act shall be under the immediate direct supervision of a licensee. Provides that no exemptions from continuing education requirements shall be granted or recognized after January 1, 2016. Creates a provision concerning the endorsement of a funeral director and embalmer license, without the required examination, to an applicant licensed by another state, territory, possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia if specific requirements are met. Provides that the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may temporarily suspend the license of a licensee without a hearing if the Secretary finds that the public interest, safety, or welfare requires such emergency action. Provides that a person not licensed under the Code who is an owner of a funeral establishment or funeral business shall not aid, abet, assist, procure, advise, employ, or contract with any unlicensed person to offer funeral services or aid, abet, assist, or direct any licensed person contrary to or in violation of any rules or provisions of the Code. Creates a provision concerning the confidentiality of all information collected by the Department in the course of an examination or investigation of a licensee or applicant. Makes other changes. Repeals a provision concerning reciprocity. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to extend the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2023. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

- 1 AN ACT concerning regulation.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 1. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by changing
- 5 Section 4.23 and by adding Section 4.33 as follows:
- 6 (5 ILCS 80/4.23)
- 7 Sec. 4.23. Acts and Sections repealed on January 1, 2013.
- 8 The following Acts and Sections of Acts are repealed on January
- 9 1, 2013:
- 10 The Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act.
- 11 The Elevator Safety and Regulation Act.
- 12 The Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act
- 13 of 2011.
- 14 The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code.
- 15 The Naprapathic Practice Act.
- 16 The Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional
- 17 Counselor Licensing Act.
- 18 The Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act.
- 19 Section 2.5 of the Illinois Plumbing License Law.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-1499, eff. 1-18-11.)
- 21 (5 ILCS 80/4.33 new)
- 22 Sec. 4.33. Act repealed on January 1, 2023. The following

Act is repealed on January 1, 2023:

2 The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code.

- 3 Section 5. The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing
- 4 Code is amended by changing Sections 1-5, 1-10, 1-15, 1-20,
- 5 1-30, 5-15, 10-20, 10-35, 15-5, 15-15, 15-16, 15-20, 15-21,
- 6 15-22, 15-25, 15-40, 15-41, 15-45, 15-46, 15-50, 15-65, 15-70,
- 7 15-75, 15-76, 15-77, 15-80, 15-91, and 20-15 and by adding
- 8 Sections 5-18, 10-38, 10-43, 15-18, 15-19, and 15-115 as
- 9 follows:
- 10 (225 ILCS 41/1-5)
- 11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 12 Sec. 1-5. Legislative intent. The practice of funeral
- directing and embalming in the State of Illinois is declared to
- 14 be a practice affecting the public health, safety and welfare
- and subject to regulation and control in the public interest.
- 16 It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and
- 17 concern that the preparation, care and final disposal of a
- deceased human body be attended with appropriate observance and
- 19 understanding, having due regard and respect for the reverent
- 20 care of the human body and for those bereaved and the overall
- 21 spiritual dignity of every person man. It is further a matter
- 22 of public interest that the practice of funeral directing and
- 23 embalming as defined in this Code merit and receive the
- 24 confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be

- 1 authorized to practice funeral directing and embalming in the
- 2 State of Illinois. This Code shall be liberally construed to
- 3 best carry out these subjects and purposes.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 87-966.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 41/1-10)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 7 Sec. 1-10. Definitions. As used in this Code:
- 8 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
- 9 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application
- 10 file or license file. It is the duty of the applicant or
- licensee to inform the Department of any changes of address and
- 12 those changes must be made either through the Department's
- website or by contacting the Department.
- 14 "Applicant" means any person making application for a
- 15 license or certificate of registration. Any applicant or any
- 16 person who holds himself out as an applicant is considered a
- 17 licensee for purposes of enforcement, investigation, hearings,
- 18 and the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.
- 19 "Board" means the Funeral Directors and Embalmers
- 20 Licensing and Disciplinary Board.
- 21 "Certificate of Death" means a certificate of death as
- 22 referenced in the Illinois Vital Records Act.
- 23 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
- 24 Professional Regulation.
- 25 "Funeral director and embalmer" means a person who is

licensed and qualified to practice funeral directing and to prepare, disinfect and preserve dead human bodies by the injection or external application of antiseptics, disinfectants or preservative fluids and materials and to use derma surgery or plastic art for the restoring of mutilated features. It further means a person who restores the remains of a person for the purpose of funeralization whose organs or bone or tissue has been donated for anatomical purposes.

"Funeral director and embalmer intern" means a person licensed by the <u>Department State</u> who is qualified to render assistance to a funeral director and embalmer in carrying out the practice of funeral directing and embalming under the supervision of the funeral director and embalmer.

"Embalming" means the process of sanitizing and chemically treating a deceased human body in order to reduce the presence and growth of microorganisms, to retard organic decomposition, to render the remains safe to handle while retaining naturalness of tissue, and to restore an acceptable physical appearance for funeral viewing purposes.

"Funeral director" means a person, known by the title of "funeral director" or other similar words or titles, licensed by the Department State who practices funeral directing.

"Funeral establishment", "funeral chapel", "funeral home", or "mortuary" means a building or separate portion of a building having a specific street address or location and devoted to activities relating to the shelter, care, custody

- 1 and preparation of a deceased human body and which may contain
- 2 facilities for funeral or wake services.
- 3 "Licensee" means a person licensed under this Code as a
- 4 funeral director, funeral director and embalmer, or funeral
- 5 director and embalmer intern. Anyone who holds himself or
- 6 herself out as a licensee or who is accused of unlicensed
- 7 practice is considered a licensee for purposes of enforcement,
- 8 investigation, hearings, and the Illinois Administrative
- 9 Procedure Act.
- 10 "Owner" means the individual, partnership, corporation,
- limited liability company, association, trust, estate, or
- 12 agent thereof, or other person or combination of persons who
- owns a funeral establishment or funeral business.
- "Person" means any individual, partnership, association,
- firm, corporation, limited liability company, trust or estate,
- or other entity. "Person" includes both natural persons and
- 17 legal entities.
- 18 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
- 19 Professional Regulation.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 96-863, eff. 3-1-10; 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 21 (225 ILCS 41/1-15)
- 22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- Sec. 1-15. Funeral directing; definition. Conducting or
- 24 engaging in or representing or holding out oneself as
- 25 conducting or engaged in any one or any combination of the

- following practices constitutes the practice of funeral directing:
 - (a) The practice of preparing, otherwise than by embalming, for the burial, cremation, or disposal and directing and supervising the burial or disposal of deceased human remains or performing any act or service in connection with the preparing of dead human bodies. Preparation, direction, and supervision shall not be construed to mean those functions normally performed by cemetery and crematory personnel.
 - (b) The practice of operating a place for preparing for the disposition of deceased human bodies or for caring for deceased human bodies before their disposition. Nothing in this Code shall prohibit the ownership and management of such a place by an unlicensed owner if the place is operated in accordance with this Code and the unlicensed owner does not engage in any form of funeral directing.
 - (c) The removal of a deceased human body from its place of death, institution, or other location. A licensed funeral director and embalmer intern may remove a deceased human body from its place of death, institution, or other location without another licensee being present. The licensed funeral director may engage others who are not licensed funeral directors, licensed funeral director and embalmers, or licensed funeral director and embalmer interns to assist in the removal if the funeral director

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directs and instructs them in handling and precautionary procedures and accompanies them on all calls. The transportation of deceased human remains to a cemetery, crematory or other place of final disposition shall be under the immediate direct supervision of a licensee unless otherwise permitted by this Section. The transportation of deceased human remains that are embalmed or otherwise prepared and enclosed in an appropriate container to some other place that is not the place of final disposition, such as another funeral home or common carrier, or to a facility that shares common ownership with the transporting funeral home may be performed under the general supervision of a licensee, but the supervision need not be immediate or direct. The transportation of deceased human remains that have been donated pursuant to the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act to any authorized donee under that Act shall be under the immediate direct supervision of a licensee. If the deceased human remains are transported from this State to another state under the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act, then a person licensed in a jurisdiction contiguous to this State (i) as a funeral director, (ii) as a funeral director and embalmer, or (iii) under a comparable license may also transport the donated deceased human remains from this State to the other jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section shall apply to organs or tissue donated pursuant to the Illinois Anatomical Gift

1 Act.

- (d) The administering and conducting of, or assuming responsibility for administering and conducting of, at need funeral arrangements.
- (e) The assuming custody of, transportation, providing shelter, protection and care and disposition of deceased human remains and the furnishing of necessary funeral services, facilities and equipment.
- (f) Using in connection with a name or practice the word "funeral director", "undertaker", "mortician", "funeral home", "funeral parlor", "funeral chapel", or any other title implying that the person is engaged in the practice of funeral directing.

Within the existing scope of the practice of funeral directing or funeral directing and embalming, only a licensed funeral director, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, or a licensed funeral director and embalmer intern under the restrictions provided for in this Code, and not any other person employed or contracted by the licensee, may engage in the following activities at-need: (1) have direct contact with consumers and explain funeral or burial merchandise or services or (2) negotiate, develop, or finalize contracts with consumers. This paragraph shall not be construed or enforced in such a manner as to limit the functions of persons regulated under the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act, the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act, the Cemetery Oversight Act, the

- 1 Cemetery Care Act, the Cemetery Association Act, the Illinois
- 2 Insurance Code, or any other related professional regulatory
- 3 Act.
- 4 The practice of funeral directing shall not include the
- 5 phoning in of obituary notices, ordering of flowers for the
- 6 funeral, or reporting of prices on the firm's general price
- 7 list as required by the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule
- 8 by nonlicensed persons, or like clerical tasks incidental to
- 9 the act of making funeral arrangements.
- The making of funeral arrangements, at need, shall be done
- 11 only by licensed funeral directors or licensed funeral
- 12 directors and embalmers. Licensed funeral director and
- 13 embalmer interns may, however, assist or participate in the
- 14 arrangements under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral
- director or licensed funeral director and embalmer.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 17 (225 ILCS 41/1-20)
- 18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 19 Sec. 1-20. Funeral directing and embalming; definition.
- "The practice of funeral directing and embalming" means:
- 21 (a) The practice of preparing, otherwise than by
- 22 embalming, for the burial, cremation, or disposal and
- 23 directing and supervising the burial or disposal of
- deceased human remains or performing any act or service in
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- (c) The removal of a deceased human body from its place of death, institution or other location. A licensed funeral director and embalmer intern may remove a deceased human body from its place of death, institution, or other location without another licensee being present. licensed funeral director and embalmer may engage others who are not licensed funeral directors and embalmers, licensed funeral directors, or licensed funeral director and embalmer interns to assist in the removal if the funeral director and embalmer directs and instructs them in handling and precautionary procedures and accompanies them on all calls. The transportation of deceased human remains cemetery, crematory or other place of final disposition shall be under immediate, the supervision of a licensee unless otherwise permitted by

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human remains and the furnishing of necessary funeral services, facilities and equipment.

- (f) Using in connection with a name or practice the word "funeral director and embalmer", "embalmer", "funeral director", "undertaker", "mortician", "funeral home", "funeral parlor", "funeral chapel", or any other title implying that the person is engaged in the practice of funeral directing and embalming.
- (g) The embalming or representing or holding out oneself as engaged in the practice of embalming of deceased human bodies or the transportation of human bodies deceased of a contagious or infectious disease.

Within the existing scope of the practice of funeral directing or funeral directing and embalming, only a licensed funeral director, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, or a licensed funeral director and embalmer intern under the restrictions provided for in this Code, and not any other person employed or contracted by the licensee, may engage in the following activities at-need: (1) have direct contact with consumers and explain funeral or burial merchandise or services or (2) negotiate, develop, or finalize contracts with consumers. This paragraph shall not be construed or enforced in such a manner as to limit the functions of persons regulated under the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act, the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act, the Cemetery Oversight Act, the Cemetery Care Act, the Cemetery Association Act, the Illinois

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- 2 Act.
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- 6 price list as required by the Federal Trade Commission Funeral
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- 11 directors and embalmers. Licensed funeral director and
- 12 embalmer interns may, however, assist or participate in the
- arrangements under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral
- director or licensed funeral director and embalmer.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 16 (225 ILCS 41/1-30)
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 18 Sec. 1-30. Powers of the Department. Subject to the
- 19 provisions of this Code, the Department may exercise the
- 20 following powers:
- 21 (1) To authorize examinations to ascertain the
- 22 qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensing as a
- 23 licensed funeral director and embalmer and pass upon the
- 24 qualifications of applicants for licensure.
- 25 (2) To examine the records of a licensed funeral director

- or licensed funeral director and embalmer from any year or any
- 2 other aspect of funeral directing and embalming as the
- 3 Department deems appropriate.
- 4 (3) To investigate any and all funeral directing and
- 5 embalming activity.
- 6 (4) To conduct hearings on proceedings to refuse to issue
- or renew licenses or to revoke, suspend, place on probation,
- 8 reprimand, or otherwise discipline a license under this Code or
- 9 take other non-disciplinary action.
- 10 (5) To adopt <u>all necessary and reasonable</u> rules <u>and</u>
- 11 <u>regulations for the effective</u> required for the administration
- of this Code.
- 13 (6) To prescribe forms to be issued for the administration
- and enforcement of this Code.
- 15 (7) To maintain rosters of the names and addresses of all
- licensees and all persons whose licenses have been suspended,
- 17 revoked, denied renewal, or otherwise disciplined within the
- 18 previous calendar year. These rosters shall be available upon
- 19 written request and payment of the required fee as established
- 20 by rule.
- 21 (8) To contract with third parties for services necessary
- for the proper administration of this Code including, without
- 23 limitation, investigators with the proper knowledge, training,
- 24 and skills to properly inspect funeral homes and investigate
- 25 complaints under this Code.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)

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(225 ILCS 41/5-15)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

Sec. 5-15. Renewal; reinstatement; restoration Expiration and renewal; inactive status; continuing education. The expiration date and renewal period for each license issued under this Article shall be set by rule. The holder of a license as a licensed funeral director may renew the license during the month preceding the expiration date of the license by paying the required fee. A licensed funeral director whose license has expired may have the license reinstated within 5 years from the date of expiration upon payment of the required reinstatement fee. The reinstatement shall be effective as of the date of reissuance of the license.

Any licensed funeral director whose license has been expired for more than 5 years may have the license restored only by fulfilling the requirements of the Department's rules and by paying the required restoration fee. However, any licensed funeral director whose license has expired while he or she has been engaged (1) in federal service on active duty with the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, or the State Militia called into the service or training of the United States of America or (2) in training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into the military service may have his or her license restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees or restoration

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fee or without passing any examination if, within 2 years after termination of the service, training or education other than by dishonorable discharge, he or she furnishes the Department with an affidavit to the effect that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her service, training or education has been so terminated.

In addition to any other requirement for renewal of a license or reinstatement or restoration of an expired license, as a condition for the renewal, reinstatement, or restoration of a license as a licensed funeral director, each licensee shall provide evidence to the Department of completion of at least 12 hours of continuing education during the 24 months preceding the expiration date of the license, or in the case of reinstatement or restoration, during the 24 months preceding application for reinstatement or restoration. The continuing education sponsors shall be approved by the Board. In addition, any qualified continuing education course for funeral directors offered by a college, university, the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, Funeral Directors Services Association of Greater Chicago, Cook County Association of Home Owners, Inc., Illinois Selected Morticians Funeral Association, Inc., Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Association, National Funeral Directors Association, Selected Independent Funeral Homes, National Funeral Directors Morticians Association, Inc., International Order of Golden Rule, or an Illinois school of mortuary science shall be

1 accepted toward satisfaction of the continuing education
2 requirements.

The Department shall establish by rule a means for verification of completion of the continuing education required by this Section. This verification may be accomplished through audits of records maintained by licensees, by requiring the filing of continued education certificates with the Department or a qualified organization selected by the Department to maintain these records, or by other means established by the Department.

A person who is licensed as a funeral director under this Code and who has engaged in the practice of funeral directing for at least 40 years shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements of this Section. No such exemptions shall be granted or recognized after January 1, 2016. In addition, the Department shall establish by rule an exemption or exception, for a limited period of time, for funeral directors who, by reason of advanced age, health or other extreme condition should reasonably be excused from the continuing education requirement upon the approval of the Secretary. Those persons, identified above, who cannot attend on-site classes, shall have the opportunity to comply by completing home study courses designed for them by sponsors.

Any funeral director who notifies the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department may elect to place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, subject to rules

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of the Department, be excused from payment of renewal fees and completion of continuing education requirements until he or she notifies the Department in writing of an intent to restore reinstate the license to active status. Any licensee requesting restoration or reinstatement from inactive status shall notify the Department as provided by rule of the Department and pay the fee required by the Department for restoration reinstatement of the license. Any licensee whose license inactive status shall not practice in the State of Illinois. Practice on a license that has lapsed or been placed

- inactive status is practicing without a license and a violation of this Code.
- (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.) 13
- (225 ILCS 41/5-18 new) 14
- 15 Sec. 5-18. Inactive status.
- 16 (a) Any funeral director who notifies the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department may elect to 17 place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, 18 subject to rules of the Department, be excused from payment of 19 20 renewal fees and completion of continuing education 21 requirements until he or she notifies the Department in writing 22 of an intent to restore or reinstate the license to active
 - (b) Any licensee who has permitted his or her license to expire or who has had his or her license on inactive status may

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- have the license restored by making application to the 1 2 Department, by filing proof acceptable to the Department of his 3 or her fitness to have the license restored, and by paying the required fees. Proof of fitness may include sworn evidence 4 5 certifying to active lawful practice in another jurisdiction. If the licensee has not maintained an active practice in 6 7 another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department, then the 8 Department shall determine by an evaluation program, 9 established by rule, his or her fitness for restoration of the license and shall establish procedures and requirements for 10 11 restoration. Any licensee whose license is on inactive status 12 shall not practice in the State.
 - (c) Any licensee whose license is on inactive status or in a non-renewed status shall not engage in the practice of funeral directing in the State or use the title or advertise that he or she performs the services of a licensed funeral director. Any person violating this Section shall be considered to be practicing without a license and shall be subject to the disciplinary provisions of this Code.
- 20 (225 ILCS 41/10-20)
- 21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 22 Sec. 10-20. Application. Every person who desires to obtain a license under this Code shall apply to the Department in 23 24 writing on forms prepared and furnished by the Department. The 25 application shall contain proof of the particular

- qualifications required of the applicant, shall be certified by 1
- 2 the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the required fee.
- 3 Applicants have 3 years after the date of application to
- complete the application process. If the process has not been 4
- 5 completed in 3 years, then the application shall be denied, the
- fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet 6
- the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication. 7
- (Source: P.A. 87-966.) 8
- 9 (225 ILCS 41/10-35)
- 10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 11 10-35. Renewal; reinstatement; Sec. restoration;
- 12 continuing education. The expiration date and renewal period
- for each license issued under this Article shall be set by 1.3
- rule. The holder of a license as a licensed funeral director 14
- 15 and embalmer or funeral director and embalmer intern may renew
- 16 the license during the month preceding the expiration date of
- the license by paying the required fee. A licensed funeral 17
- director and embalmer or licensed funeral director and embalmer 18
- 19 trainee whose license has expired may have the license
- 20 reinstated within 5 years from the date of expiration upon
- 21 payment of the required reinstatement fee and fulfilling the
- 22 requirements of the Department's rules. The reinstatement of
- the license is effective as of the date of the reissuance of 23
- 24 the license.
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No license of a funeral director and embalmer intern shall be renewed more than twice.

In addition to any other requirement for renewal of a license or reinstatement or restoration of an expired license, as a condition for the renewal, reinstatement, or restoration of a license as a licensed funeral director and embalmer, each licensee shall provide evidence to the Department of completion of at least 24 hours of continuing education during the 24

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months preceding the expiration date of the license, or in the 1 2 case of reinstatement or restoration, within the 24 months 3 preceding the application for reinstatement or restoration. The continuing education sponsors shall be approved by the 5 Board. In addition, any qualified continuing education course for funeral directors and embalmers offered by a college, 6 7 university, the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, 8 Funeral Directors Services Association of Greater Chicago, 9 Cook County Association of Funeral Home Owners, Inc., Illinois 10 Selected Morticians Associations, Inc., Illinois Cemetery and 11 Funeral Home Association, National Funeral Directors 12 Association, Selected Independent Funeral Homes, National Funeral 13 Directors and Morticians Association, International Order of the Golden Rule, or an Illinois school 14 15 of mortuary science shall be accepted toward satisfaction of 16 the continuing education requirements.

The Department shall establish by rule a means for verification of completion of the continuing education required by this Section. This verification may be accomplished through audits of records maintained by licensees, by requiring the filing of continued education certificates with the Department or a qualified organization selected by the Department to maintain the records, or by other means established by the Department.

A person who is licensed as a funeral director and embalmer under this Code and who has engaged in the practice of funeral

directing and embalming for at least 40 years shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements of this Section. No such exemptions shall be granted or recognized after January 1, 2016. In addition, the Department shall establish by rule an exemption or exception, for a limited period of time, for funeral directors and embalmers who, by reason of advanced age, health or other extreme condition, should reasonably be excused from the continuing education requirement upon the approval of the Secretary. Those persons, identified above, who cannot attend on-site classes, shall have the opportunity to comply by completing home study courses designed for them by sponsors.

Any funeral director and embalmer who notifies the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, may cleet to place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, subject to rules of the Department, be excused from payment of renewal fees and completion of continuing education requirements until he or she notifies the Department in writing of an intent to restore or reinstate the license to active status. While on inactive status, the licensee shall only be required to pay a single fee, established by the Department, to have the license placed on inactive status. Any licensee requesting restoration or reinstatement from inactive status shall notify the Department as provided by rule of the Department and pay the fee required by the Department for restoration or reinstatement of the license. Any licensee whose license is on inactive status shall not practice in the State

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2 Practice on a license that has lapsed or been placed in

inactive status is practicing without a license and a violation

4 of this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)

- 6 (225 ILCS 41/10-38 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 10-38. Inactive status.</u>
- 8 <u>(a) Any funeral director and embalmer who notifies the</u>
- 9 Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department,
- 10 may elect to place his or her license on an inactive status and
- shall, subject to rules of the Department, be excused from
- 12 payment of renewal fees and completion of continuing education
- 13 requirements until he or she notifies the Department in writing
- 14 of an intent to restore or reinstate the license to active
- 15 status.
- 16 (b) While on inactive status, the licensee shall only be
- 17 required to pay a single fee, established by the Department, to
- 18 have the license placed on inactive status. Any licensee who
- 19 has permitted his or her license to expire or who has had his
- or her license on inactive status may have the license restored
- 21 by making application to the Department, by filing proof
- 22 acceptable to the Department of his or her fitness to have the
- 23 license restored, and by paying the required fees. Proof of
- 24 fitness may include sworn evidence certifying to active lawful
- 25 practice in another jurisdiction. If the licensee has not

1 <u>maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction</u>

2 satisfactory to the Department, then the Department shall

determine by an evaluation program, established by rule, his or

her fitness for restoration of the license and shall establish

procedures and requirements for restoration.

(c) Any licensee whose license is on inactive status or in a non-renewed status shall not engage in the practice of funeral directing and embalming in the State or use the title or advertise that he or she performs the services of a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Any person violating this Section shall be considered to be practicing without a license and shall be subject to the disciplinary provisions of this Code.

14 (225 ILCS 41/10-43 new)

Sec. 10-43. Endorsement. The Department may issue a funeral director and embalmer license, without the required examination, to an applicant licensed by another state, territory, possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, if (i) the licensing requirements of that licensing authority are, on the date of licensure, substantially equal to the requirements set forth under this Code and (ii) the applicant provides the Department with evidence of good standing from the licensing authority of that jurisdiction. An applicant under this Section shall pay all of the required fees.

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1 (225 ILCS 41/15-5) (from Ch. 111, par. 2825)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

Sec. 15-5. Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing and Disciplinary Board. A Funeral Directors and Licensing and Disciplinary Board is created and shall consist of 7 persons, 6 of whom are licensed to practice funeral directing and embalming in this State, and one who is a knowledgeable public member. Each member shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department. The persons so appointed shall hold their offices for 4 years and until qualified successors are appointed. All vacancies occurring shall be filled by the Secretary for the unexpired portion of the term rendered vacant. No member shall be eligible to serve for more than 2 full consecutive terms. The Secretary may remove or suspend any member of the Board for cause at any time before the expiration of his or her term. The Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of cause reasons prescribed by law for removal of State officials or for misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty, or failing to attend 2 consecutive Board meetings. The cause for removal must be set forth in writing. The Board shall annually select a chairman from its membership. The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board. The Board may meet as often as necessary to perform its duties under this Code, and shall meet at least once a year in Springfield, Illinois.

A majority of the then appointed Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required for Board decisions.

The Department shall consider the recommendation of the Board in the development of proposed rules under this Code. Notice of any proposed rulemaking under this Code shall be transmitted to the Board and the Department shall review the response of the Board and any recommendations relating to that rulemaking.

The Department shall seek the advice and recommendations of the Board in connection with any rulemaking or disciplinary actions relating to funeral director and embalmers and funeral director and embalmer interns, including applications for restoration of revoked licenses. Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in any action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other activities performed in good faith as members of the Board. The Board shall have 60 days to respond to a Department request for advice and recommendations.

The Department shall adopt all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations for the effective administration of this Code, and without limiting the foregoing, the Department shall adopt rules and regulations:

(1) prescribing a method of examination of candidates;

(2) defining what shall constitute a school, college,
university, department of a university or other
institution to determine the reputability and good

1	standing of these institutions by reference to a compliance
2	with the rules and regulations; however, no school,
3	college, university, department of a university or other
4	institution that refuses admittance to applicants, solely
5	on account of race, color, creed, sex or national origin
6	shall be considered reputable and in good standing;
7	(3) establishing expiration dates and renewal periods
8	for all licenses;
9	(4) prescribing a method of handling complaints and
10	conducting hearings on proceedings to take disciplinary
11	action under this Code; and
12	(5) providing for licensure by reciprocity.
13	(Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
14	(225 ILCS 41/15-15)
15	(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
16	Sec. 15-15. Complaints; investigations; hearings; summary
17	suspension of license. The Department may investigate the
18	actions of any applicant or of any person or persons rendering
19	or offering to render services or any person holding or
20	claiming to hold a license under this Code.
21	The Department shall, before refusing to issue or renew a
22	license or seeking to discipline a licensee under Section 75
23	revoking, suspending, placing on probation, reprimanding, or
24	taking any other disciplinary action, at least 30 days before
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the charges, (ii) direct him or her to file a written answer to

the charges under oath within 20 days after the service on him

or her of the notice, and (iii) inform the applicant or

<u>licensee</u> accused that, <u>failure</u> if he or she fails to answer,

shall result in a default being entered will be taken against

the applicant or licensee him or her or that his or her license

8 may be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status, or

other disciplinary action taken with regard to the license,

including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of his or her

11 practice, as the Department may consider proper.

At the time and place fixed in the notice, the Board or the hearing officer appointed by the Secretary Department shall proceed to hear the charges and the parties or their counsel shall be accorded ample opportunity to present any pertinent statements, testimony, evidence, and arguments. The Board or hearing officer Department may continue the hearing from time to time. In case the person, after receiving the notice, fails to file an answer, his or her license may, in the discretion of the Secretary, having first received the recommendation of the Board Department, be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status, or be subject to the Department may take whatever disciplinary action the Secretary it considers proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the person's practice or the imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient

any notice in the subsequent proceeding may be served by regular personal delivery or by certified mail to the licensee's address of record specified by the accused in his or her last notification with the Department.

The Department has the power to subpoena and bring before it any person to take oral or written testimony and to compel the production of any books, papers, records, or other documents that the Secretary or his or her designee deems relevant or material to any investigation or hearing conducted by the Department, with the same fees and in the same manner as prescribed in civil cases. The Secretary, the designated hearing officer, and every member of the Board has the power to administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing that the Department is authorized to conduct, and any other oaths authorized in any Act or Code administered by the Department.

If the Department determines that any licensee is guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this Code, disciplinary action shall be taken against the licensee. The Department may take disciplinary action without a formal hearing subject to Section 10-70 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

The Secretary may summarily suspend the license of any person licensed under this Code without a hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a hearing provided for in this Section, if the Secretary finds that evidence in the possession of the Secretary indicates that

- 1 the continuation of practice by the licensee would constitute
- 2 an imminent danger to the public. In the event that the
- 3 Secretary summarily suspends the license of an individual
- 4 without a hearing, a hearing must be held within 30 days after
- 5 the suspension has occurred and concluded as expeditiously as
- 6 practical.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-48, eff. 7-17-09; 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 8 (225 ILCS 41/15-16)
- 9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 10 Sec. 15-16. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Secretary
- 11 has the authority to appoint any attorney licensed to practice
- law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in
- any action for refusal to issue, restore, or renew a license or
- 14 to discipline a licensee. The hearing officer has full
- authority to conduct the hearing. Any Board member may attend
- 16 hearings.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 18 (225 ILCS 41/15-18 new)
- 19 Sec. 15-18. Temporary suspension. The Secretary may
- 20 temporarily suspend the license of a licensee without a
- 21 hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings
- for a hearing provided in Section 15-15 of this Code, if the
- 23 <u>Secretary finds that the public interest, safety, or welfare</u>
- requires such emergency action. In the event that the Secretary

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temporarily suspends a license without a hearing before the Board or a duly appointed hearing officer, a hearing shall be held within 30 days after the suspension has occurred. The suspended licensee may seek a continuance of the hearing, during which time the suspension shall remain in effect. The proceeding shall be concluded without appreciable delay. If the Department does not hold a hearing within 30 days after the date of the suspension, then the licensee's license shall be automatically reinstated.

10 (225 ILCS 41/15-19 new)

> Sec. 15-19. Consent to Administrative Supervision order. In appropriate cases, the Department may resolve a complaint against a licensee through the issuance of a Consent to Administrative Supervision order. A licensee subject to a Consent to Administrative Supervision order shall be considered by the Department as an active licensee in good standing. This order shall not be reported or considered by the Department to be a discipline of the licensee. The records regarding an investigation and a Consent to Administrative Supervision order shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by the Department except as mandated by law. A complainant shall be notified if his or her complaint has been resolved by a Consent to Administrative Supervision order.

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1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

Sec. 15-20. Transcript; record of proceedings. The Department, at its expense, shall preserve a record of all proceedings at the formal hearing of any case. The notice of hearing, complaint and all other documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the report of the Board or hearing officer, and the orders of the Department shall be the record of the proceedings. The Department shall furnish a transcript of the record to any person interested in the hearing upon payment of the actual cost of making the transcript.

- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 13 (225 ILCS 41/15-21)
- 14 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

15-21. Findings and recommendations. the conclusion of the hearing, the Board or hearing officer shall present to the Secretary a written report of its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations. The report shall contain a finding of whether or not the accused person violated this Code or its rules or failed to comply with the conditions required in this Code or its rules. The Board shall specify the nature of any violations or failure to comply and shall make recommendations to the Secretary. In recommendations for any disciplinary action, the Board may take into consideration all facts and circumstances bearing upon the

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reasonableness of the conduct of the accused and the potential for future harm to the public, including, but not limited to, previous discipline of the accused by the Department, intent, degree of harm to the public and likelihood of harm in the future, any restitution made by the accused, and whether the incident or incidents contained in the complaint appear to be isolated or represent a continuing pattern of conduct. In making its recommendations for discipline, the Board shall endeavor to ensure that the severity of the discipline recommended is reasonably related to the severity of the violation.

The report of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Board or hearing officer shall be the basis for the Secretary's Department's order refusing to issue, restore, or renew a license, or otherwise disciplining a licensee. If the Secretary disagrees with the recommendations of the Board or hearing officer, the Secretary may issue an order in contravention of the Board or hearing officer's recommendations. The finding is not admissible in evidence against the person in a criminal prosecution brought for a violation of this Code, but the hearing and finding are not a bar to a criminal prosecution brought for a violation of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.) 24

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Sec. 15-22. Rehearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, a copy of the Board or hearing officer's report shall be served upon the applicant or licensee by the Department, either personally or as provided in this Code for the service of a notice of hearing. Within 20 calendar days after service, the applicant or licensee may present to the Department a motion in writing for a rehearing, which shall specify the particular grounds for rehearing. The Department may respond to the motion for rehearing within 20 calendar days after its service on the Department. If no motion for rehearing is filed, then upon the expiration of the time specified for filing such a motion, or if a motion for rehearing is denied, then upon denial, the order Secretary may enter an in accordance with recommendations of the Board or hearing officer. If the applicant or licensee orders from the reporting service and pays for a transcript of the record within the time for filing a motion for rehearing, the 20-day period within which a motion may be filed shall commence upon the delivery of the transcript to the applicant or licensee.

If the Secretary believes that substantial justice has not been done in the revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue, restore, or renew a license, or other discipline of an applicant or licensee, he or she may order a rehearing by the same or other hearing officers examiners.

(Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)

- (225 ILCS 41/15-25) 1
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013) 2
- 3 Sec. 15-25. Subpoenas; oaths; attendance of witnesses
- 4 Court order; contempt.
- 5 (a) The Department may subpoena and bring before it any
- 6 person to take the oral or written testimony or compel the
- 7 production of any books, papers, records, or any other
- 8 documents that the Secretary or his or her designee deems
- 9 relevant or material to any investigation or hearing conducted
- 10 by the Department with the same fees and mileage and in the
- 11 same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the courts of this
- 12 State.
- 13 (b) The Secretary, the hearing officer, any member of the
- Board, or a certified shorthand court reporter may administer 14
- 15 oaths at any hearing that the Department conducts.
- 16 Notwithstanding any other statute or Department rule to the
- contrary, all requests for testimony, production of documents, 17
- 18 or records shall be in accordance with this Code.
- 19 (c) Any circuit court, upon application of the applicant,
- 20 licensee or the Department, may, by order duly entered, require
- 21 the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of
- 22 relevant documents, files, books, records, and papers in
- 23 connection with any hearing or investigation. The before the
- 24 Department in any hearing relating to the refusal, suspension
- 25 or revocation of a license. Upon refusal or neglect to obey the

- 1 order of the court, the court may compel compliance with its
- order by proceedings for contempt of court.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 87-966.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 41/15-40)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 6 Sec. 15-40. Certification of record; receipt. The
- 7 Department shall not be required to certify any record to the
- 8 court, to file an answer in court, or otherwise to appear in
- 9 any court in a judicial review proceeding unless and until the
- 10 Department has received from the plaintiff payment of the costs
- of furnishing and certifying the record, which costs shall be
- 12 determined by the Department. Exhibits shall be certified
- 13 without cost. Failure on the part of the Plaintiff to file a
- 14 receipt in court is shall be grounds for dismissal of the
- 15 action.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 17 (225 ILCS 41/15-41)
- 18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 19 Sec. 15-41. Order or certified copy; prima facie proof. An
- 20 order or certified copy thereof, over the seal of the
- 21 Department and purporting to be signed by the Secretary, is
- 22 prima facie proof that:
- 23 (1) the signature is the genuine signature of the
- Secretary; and

- 1 (2) the Secretary is duly appointed and qualified.; and
- 2 (3) the hearing officer is qualified to act.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 41/15-45)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- Sec. 15-45. Practice without license; injunction; cease and desist order; civil penalties.
- 8 (a) The practice of funeral directing and embalming or 9 funeral directing by any person who has not been issued a 10 license by the Department, whose license has been suspended or 11 revoked, or whose license has not been renewed is hereby 12 declared to be inimical to the public welfare and to constitute 13 a public nuisance. The Secretary may, in the name of the People 14 of the State of Illinois through the Attorney General of the 15 State of Illinois, or the State's Attorney of any county in 16 which the violation is alleged to have occurred in the State of Illinois, apply for an injunction in the circuit court to 17 18 enjoin any person who has not been issued a license or whose license has been suspended or revoked, or whose license has not 19 20 been renewed, from practicing funeral directing and embalming 21 or funeral directing. Upon the filing of a verified complaint 22 in court, the court, if satisfied by affidavit or otherwise that the person is or has been practicing funeral directing and 23 24 embalming or funeral directing without having been issued a license or after his or her license has been suspended, 25

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revoked, or not renewed, may issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, without notice or bond, enjoining the defendant from further practicing funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing. A copy of the verified complaint shall be served upon the defendant and the proceedings shall thereafter be conducted as in other civil cases. If it is established that the defendant has been or is practicing funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing without having been issued a license or has been or is practicing funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing after his or her license has been suspended, revoked, or not renewed, the court may enter a judgment perpetually the defendant from further practicing enjoining directing and embalming or funeral directing. In case of violation of any injunction entered under this Section, the court may summarily try and punish the offender for contempt of court. Any injunction proceeding shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies in this Code.

(b) Whenever, in the opinion of the Department, any person or other entity violates any provision of this Code, the Department may issue a notice to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not be entered against that person or other entity. The rule shall clearly set forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall provide a period of 7 days from the date of the rule to file an answer to the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to answer to the

- 1 satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to cease
- 2 and desist to be issued immediately.
- 3 (c) (Blank).
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 41/15-46)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 7 Sec. 15-46. Civil penalties; civil action.
- 8 (a) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any
- 9 person, sole proprietorship, professional service corporation,
- 10 limited liability company, partnership, or other entity that
- 11 violates Section 1-15 or 1-20 of this Code shall forfeit and
- 12 pay to the General Professions Dedicated Fund a civil penalty
- in an amount determined by the Department not to exceed \$10,000
- 14 for each violation. The penalty shall be assessed in
- proceedings as provided in Sections 15-10 through 15-41 of this
- 16 Code.
- 17 (b) In addition to the other penalties and remedies
- 18 provided in this Code, the Department may bring a civil action
- 19 in the county in which the funeral establishment is located
- against a licensee or any other person to enjoin any violation
- or threatened violation of this Code.
- (c) Unless the amount of the penalty is paid within 60 days
- after the order becomes final, the order shall constitute a
- 24 judgment judgement and shall be filed and execution issued
- 25 thereon in the same manner as the judgment judgement of a court

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- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 3 (225 ILCS 41/15-50)
- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 5 Sec. 15-50. Practice by corporation, limited liability 6 company, partnership, or association. No corporation, <u>limited</u> 7 liability company, partnership or association of individuals, as such, shall be issued a license as a licensed funeral 8 9 director and embalmer or licensed funeral director, nor shall 10 any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm 11 or association of individuals, or any individual connected 12 therewith, publicly advertise any corporation, partnership, or association of individuals as being licensed funeral directors 1.3 and embalmers or licensed funeral directors. Nevertheless, 14 15 nothing in this Act shall restrict funeral director licensees 16 funeral director and embalmer licensees from forming professional service corporations under the 17 Professional 18 Service Corporation Act or from having these corporations registered for the practice of funeral directing. 19

No funeral director licensee or funeral director and embalmer licensee, and no partnership or association of those licensees, formed since July 1, 1935, shall engage in the practice of funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing under a trade name or partnership or firm name unless in the use and advertising of the trade name, partnership or

- 1 firm name there is published in connection with the advertising
- 2 the name of the owner or owners as the owner or owners.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-863, eff. 3-1-10.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 41/15-65)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 6 Sec. 15-65. Fees. The Department shall provide by rule for
- 7 a schedule of fees for the administration and enforcement of
- 8 this Code, including but not limited to original licensure,
- 9 renewal, and restoration. The fees shall be nonrefundable.
- 10 All fees, fines, and penalties collected under this Code
- shall be deposited into the General Professions Dedicated Fund
- and shall be appropriated to the Department for the ordinary
- and contingent expenses of the Department in the administration
- of this Code.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 16 (225 ILCS 41/15-70)
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 18 Sec. 15-70. Returned checks; fines. Any person who delivers
- 19 a check or other payment to the Department that is returned to
- 20 the Department unpaid by the financial institution upon which
- 21 it is drawn shall pay to the Department, in addition to the
- amount already owed to the Department, a fine of \$50. The fines
- 23 imposed by this Section are in addition to any other discipline
- 24 provided under this Code for unlicensed practice or practice on

a nonrenewed license. The Department shall notify the person 1 that payment of fees and fines shall be paid to the Department 2 3 by certified check or money order within 30 calendar days of the notification. If, after the expiration of 30 days from the 5 date of the notification, the person has failed to submit the 6 necessary remittance, the Department shall automatically 7 terminate the license or certificate or deny the application, 8 without hearing. If, after termination or denial, the person 9 seeks a license or certificate, he or she shall apply to the Department for restoration or issuance of the license or 10 11 certificate and pay all fees and fines due to the Department. 12 The Department may establish a fee for the processing of an application for restoration of a license or certificate to pay 13 all expenses of processing this application. The Secretary may 14 waive the fines due under this Section in individual cases 15

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)

or unnecessarily burdensome.

19 (225 ILCS 41/15-75)

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- 20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 21 Sec. 15-75. Violations; grounds for discipline; penalties.

where the Secretary finds that the fines would be unreasonable

- 22 (a) Each of the following acts is a Class A misdemeanor for
- 23 the first offense, and a Class 4 felony for each subsequent
- offense. These penalties shall also apply to unlicensed owners
- of funeral homes.

- (1) Practicing the profession of funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing, or attempting to practice the profession of funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing without a license as a funeral director and embalmer or funeral director.
- (2) Serving or attempting to serve as an intern under a licensed funeral director and embalmer or attempting to serve as an intern under a licensed funeral director and embalmer without a license as a licensed funeral director and embalmer intern.
- (3) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license, practice or business, or any other thing of value, by fraud or misrepresentation.
- (4) Permitting any person in one's employ, under one's control or in or under one's service to serve as a funeral director and embalmer, funeral director, or funeral director and embalmer intern when the person does not have the appropriate license.
- (5) Failing to display a license as required by this Code.
 - (6) Giving false information or making a false oath or affidavit required by this Code.
- (b) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, a license or may revoke, suspend, place on probation or administrative supervision, reprimand, or take other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may deem

- appropriate, including imposing fines not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, with regard to any license under the Code for any one or combination of the following:
 - (1) Fraud or any misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a license under this Code or in connection with applying for renewal of a license under this Code Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by fraud or misrepresentation.
 - (2) Conviction by plea of quilty or nolo contendere, finding of quilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or by sentencing of any crime, including, but not limited to, convictions, preceding sentences of supervision, conditional discharge, or first offender probation, under the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States: (i) that is a felony or (ii) that is a misdemeanor, an essential element of which is dishonesty, or that is directly related to the practice of the profession Conviction in this State or another state of any crime that is a felony or misdemeanor under the laws of this State or conviction of a felony or misdemeanor in a federal court.
 - (3) Violation of the laws of this State relating to the funeral, burial or disposal of deceased human bodies or of the rules and regulations of the Department, or the Department of Public Health.
 - (4) Directly or indirectly paying or causing to be paid any sum of money or other valuable consideration for the

securing of business or for obtaining authority to dispose of any deceased human body.

- (5) Professional incompetence, gross <u>negligence</u>, malpractice, or untrustworthiness in the practice of funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing.
- (6) (Blank). False or misleading advertising as a funeral director and embalmer or funeral director, or advertising or using the name of a person other than the holder of a license in connection with any service being rendered in the practice of funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent including the name of any owner, officer or corporate director of a funeral business who is not a licensee in any advertisement used by a funeral home with which the individual is affiliated if the advertisement specifies the individual's affiliation with the funeral home.
- (7) Engaging in, promoting, selling, or issuing burial contracts, burial certificates, or burial insurance policies in connection with the profession as a funeral director and embalmer, funeral director, or funeral director and embalmer intern in violation of any laws of the State of Illinois.
- (8) Refusing, without cause, to surrender the custody of a deceased human body upon the proper request of the person or persons lawfully entitled to the custody of the

1 body.

- 2 (9) Taking undue advantage of a client or clients as to amount to the perpetration of fraud.
 - (10) Engaging in funeral directing and embalming or funeral directing without a license.
 - (11) Encouraging, requesting, or suggesting by a licensee or some person working on his behalf and with his consent for compensation that a person utilize the services of a certain funeral director and embalmer, funeral director, or funeral establishment unless that information has been expressly requested by the person. This does not prohibit general advertising or pre-need solicitation.
 - (12) Making or causing to be made any false or misleading statements about the laws concerning the disposal of human remains, including, but not limited to, the need to embalm, the need for a casket for cremation or the need for an outer burial container.
 - (13) (Blank).
 - (14) Embalming or attempting to embalm a deceased human body without express prior authorization of the person responsible for making the funeral arrangements for the body. This does not apply to cases where embalming is directed by local authorities who have jurisdiction or when embalming is required by State or local law.
 - (15) Making a false statement on a Certificate of Death where the person making the statement knew or should have

- known that the statement was false.
- (16) Soliciting human bodies after death or while death is imminent.
 - (17) Performing any act or practice that is a violation of this Code, the rules for the administration of this Code, or any federal, State or local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of funeral directing or embalming.
 - (18) Performing any act or practice that is a violation of Section 2 of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.
 - (19) Engaging in <u>dishonorable</u>, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.
 - (20) Taking possession of a dead human body without having first obtained express permission from next of kin or a public agency legally authorized to direct, control or permit the removal of deceased human bodies.
 - (21) Advertising in a false or misleading manner or advertising using the name of an unlicensed person in connection with any service being rendered in the practice of funeral directing or funeral directing and embalming. The use of any name of an unlicensed or unregistered person in an advertisement so as to imply that the person will perform services is considered misleading advertising. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent including the name

of any owner, officer or corporate director of a funeral home, who is not a licensee, in any advertisement used by a funeral home with which the individual is affiliated, if the advertisement specifies the individual's affiliation with the funeral home.

- (22) Charging for professional services not rendered, including filing false statements for the collection of fees for which services are not rendered Directly or indirectly receiving compensation for any professional services not actually performed.
- (23) Failing to account for or remit any monies, documents, or personal property that belongs to others that comes into a licensee's possession.
- (24) Treating any person differently to his detriment because of race, color, creed, gender, religion, or national origin.
- (25) Knowingly making any false statements, oral or otherwise, of a character likely to influence, persuade or induce others in the course of performing professional services or activities.
- (26) <u>Willfully Knowingly</u> making or filing false records or reports in the practice of funeral directing and embalming, including, but not limited to, false records filed with State agencies or departments.
- (27) Failing to acquire continuing education required under this Code.

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1	(28) (Blank). Violations of this Code or of the rules
2	adopted pursuant to this Code.
3	(29) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
4	any provision of this Code or rules adopted pursuant to
5	this Code.
6	(30) Failing within 10 days, to provide information in
7	response to a written request made by the Department.
8	(31) Discipline by another state, District of
9	Columbia, territory, or foreign nation, or governmental
10	agency, if at least one of the grounds for the discipline
11	is the same or substantially equivalent to those set forth
12	in this Section.
13	(32) (Blank). Directly or indirectly giving to or
14	receiving from any person, firm, corporation, partnership,
15	or association any fee, commission, rebate, or other form
16	of compensation for professional services not actually or
17	personally rendered.
18	(33) Mental illness or disability which results in the
19	<u>inability</u> to practice the profession with
20	reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.
21	(34) Gross, willful, or continued overcharging for
22	professional services, including filing false statements
23	for collection of fees for which services are not rendered.
24	(35) Physical illness, including, but not limited to,

deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor

skill which results in a licensee's inability to practice

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- under this Code with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety

 A pattern of practice or other behavior that demonstrates

 incapacity or incompetence to practice under this Code.
- (36) Failing to comply with any of the following required activities:
 - (A) When reasonably possible, a funeral director licensee or funeral director and embalmer licensee or anyone acting on his or her behalf shall obtain the express authorization of the person or persons responsible for making the funeral arrangements for a deceased human body prior to removing a body from the place of death or any place it may be or embalming or attempting to embalm a deceased human body, unless required by State or local law. This requirement is waived whenever removal or embalming is directed by local authorities who have jurisdiction. Ιf responsibility for the handling of the remains lawfully falls under the jurisdiction of a public agency, then the regulations of the public agency shall prevail.
 - (B) A licensee shall clearly mark the price of any casket offered for sale or the price of any service using the casket on or in the casket if the casket is displayed at the funeral establishment. If the casket is displayed at any other location, regardless of whether the licensee is in control of that location,

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the casket shall be clearly marked and the registrant shall use books, catalogues, brochures, or other printed display aids to show the price of each casket or service.

(C) At the time funeral arrangements are made and prior to rendering the funeral services, a licensee shall furnish a written statement of services to be retained by the person or persons making the funeral arrangements, signed by both parties, that shall contain: (i) the name, address and telephone number of the funeral establishment and the date on which the arrangements were made; (ii) the price of the service selected and the services and merchandise included for that price; (iii) a clear disclosure that the person or persons making the arrangement may decline and receive credit for any service or merchandise not desired and not required by law or the funeral director or the funeral director and embalmer; (iv) the supplemental items of service and merchandise requested and the price of each item; (v) the terms or method of payment agreed upon; and (vi) a statement as to any monetary advances made by the registrant on behalf of the family. The licensee shall maintain a copy of the permanent written statement of services in its records. All written statements of services subject to inspection by the Department.

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(D) In all instances where the place of final disposition of a deceased human body or the cremated remains of a deceased human body is a cemetery, the licensed funeral director and embalmer, or licensed funeral director, who has been engaged to provide funeral or embalming services shall remain at the cemetery and personally witness the placement of the human remains in their designated grave or the sealing of the above ground depository, crypt, or urn. The licensed funeral director or licensed funeral director and embalmer may designate a licensed funeral director and embalmer intern or representative of the funeral home to be his or her witness to the placement of the remains. If the cemetery authority, cemetery manager, or any other agent of the cemetery takes any action that prevents compliance with this paragraph (D), then the funeral director and embalmer or funeral director shall provide written notice to the Department within 5 business days after failing to comply. Ιf Department receives this notice, then the Department shall not take any disciplinary action against the funeral director and embalmer or funeral director for a violation of this paragraph (D) unless the Department finds that the cemetery authority, manager, or any other agent of the cemetery did not prevent the funeral director and embalmer or funeral director from

complying with this paragraph (D) as claimed in the written notice.

- (E) A funeral director or funeral director and embalmer shall fully complete the portion of the Certificate of Death under the responsibility of the funeral director or funeral director and embalmer and provide all required information. In the event that any reported information subsequently changes or proves incorrect, a funeral director or funeral director and embalmer shall immediately upon learning the correct information correct the Certificate of Death.
- (37) A finding by the Department that the license, after having his or her license placed on probationary status or subjected to conditions or restrictions, violated the terms of the probation or failed to comply with such terms or conditions.
- (38) (Blank). Violation of any final administrative action of the Secretary.
- (39) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated report by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and, upon proof by clear and convincing evidence, being found to have caused a child to be an abused child or neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
 - (40) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs

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1	defined in law as controlled substances, alcohol, or any
2	other substance which results in the inability to practice
3	with reasonable judgment skill or safety

- (41) Practicing under a false or, except as provided by law, an assumed name.
- (42) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the licensing examination administered under this Code.
- (c) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend without a hearing, as provided for in the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the license of any person who fails to file a return, to pay the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until the time as the requirements of the tax Act are satisfied in accordance with subsection (g) of Section 2105-15 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
- (d) No action may be taken under this Code against a person licensed under this Code unless the action is commenced within 5 years after the occurrence of the alleged violations. A continuing violation shall be deemed to have occurred on the date when the circumstances last existed that give rise to the alleged violation.
- (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed or enforced to give a funeral director and embalmer, or his or her

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designees, authority over the operation of a cemetery or over cemetery employees. Nothing in this Section shall be construed or enforced to impose duties or penalties on cemeteries with respect to the timing of the placement of human remains in their designated grave or the sealing of the above ground depository, crypt, or urn due to patron safety, the allocation cemetery staffing, liability insurance, a collective bargaining agreement, or other such reasons.

- (f) All fines imposed under this Section shall be paid 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the fine.
- The Department shall deny a license or renewal (q) authorized by this Code to a person who has defaulted on an educational loan or scholarship provided or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of this State in accordance with item (5) of subsection (q) of Section 2105-15 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
- (h) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family Services has previously determined a licensee or a potential licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support and has subsequently certified the delinquency to the Department, the Department may refuse to issue or renew or may revoke or suspend that person's license or may take other disciplinary action against that person based solely upon the certification of delinquency made by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in accordance with item (5) of

- subsection (q) of Section 1205-15 of the Department of 1
- Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of 2
- 3 Illinois.
- 4 (i) A person not licensed under this Code who is an owner
- 5 of a funeral establishment or funeral business shall not aid,
- abet, assist, procure, advise, employ, or contract with any 6
- unlicensed person to offer funeral services or aid, abet, 7
- 8 assist, or direct any licensed person contrary to or in
- 9 violation of any rules or provisions of this Code. A person
- 10 violating this subsection shall be treated as a licensee for
- 11 the purposes of disciplinary action under this Section and
- 12 shall be subject to cease and desist orders as provided in this
- Code, the imposition of a fine up to \$10,000 for each violation 13
- 14 and any other penalty provided by law.
- (j) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee is 15
- 16 subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission as
- 17 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Code, as amended, operates as an automatic suspension. The 18
- 19 suspension may end only upon a finding by a court that the
- 20 licensee is no longer subject to the involuntary admission or
- judicial admission and issues an order so finding and 21
- 22 discharging the licensee, and upon the recommendation of the
- 23 Board to the Secretary that the licensee be allowed to resume
- 24 his or her practice.
- 25 (k) In enforcing this Code, the Department, upon a showing
- of a possible violation, may compel an individual licensed to 26

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practice under this Code, or who has applied for licensure under this Code, to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both, as required by and at the expense of the Department. The Department may order the examining physician to present testimony concerning the mental or physical examination of the licensee or applicant. No information shall be excluded by reason of any common law or statutory privilege relating to communications between the licensee or applicant and the examining physician. The examining physicians shall be specifically designated by the Department. The individual to be examined may have, at his or her own expense, another physician of his or her choice present during all aspects of this examination. The examination shall be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Failure of an individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, when directed, shall result in an automatic suspension without hearing.

A person holding a license under this Code or who has applied for a license under this Code who, because of a physical or mental illness or disability, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skill, is unable to practice the profession with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety, may be required by the Department to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the Department as a condition, term, or restriction for continued, reinstated, or

renewed licensure to practice. Submission to care, counseling, 1 2 or treatment as required by the Department shall not be 3 considered discipline of a license. If the licensee refuses to enter into a care, counseling, or treatment agreement or fails 4 5 to abide by the terms of the agreement, the Department may file a complaint to revoke, suspend, or otherwise discipline the 6 7 license of the individual. The Secretary may order the license 8 suspended immediately, pending a hearing by the Department. 9 Fines shall not be assessed in disciplinary actions involving physical or mental illness or impairment. 10 11 In instances in which the Secretary immediately suspends a 12 person's license under this Section, a hearing on that person's 13 license must be convened by the Department within 15 days after 14 the suspension and completed without appreciable delay. The Department shall have the authority to review the subject 15 16 individual's record of treatment and counseling regarding the impairment to the extent permitted by applicable federal 17 18 statutes and regulations safeguarding the confidentiality of 19 medical records. 20 An individual licensed under this Code and affected under 21 this Section shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to 22 the Department that he or she can resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the provisions 23 24 of his or her license.

(Source: P.A. 96-863, eff. 3-1-10; 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)

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(225 ILCS 41/15-76)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

Sec. 15-76. Vehicle traffic control. A funeral director licensee or funeral director and embalmer licensee planning an a interment, inurnment, or entombment at a cemetery shall use his or her its reasonable best efforts to ensure that funeral processions entering and exiting the cemetery grounds do not obstruct traffic on any street for a period in excess of 10 minutes, except where such funeral procession is continuously moving or cannot be moved by reason of circumstances over which the licensee cemetery authority has no reasonable control. The funeral director licensee or funeral director and embalmer licensee arranging funeral processions to the cemetery shall use his or her its reasonable best efforts to help prevent multiple funeral processions from arriving at the cemetery simultaneously. Notwithstanding any provision of this Code Act to the contrary, any funeral director licensee or funeral director and embalmer licensee who violates the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a business offense and receive punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 for each offense.

- 21 (Source: P.A. 96-863, eff. 3-1-10.)
- 22 (225 ILCS 41/15-77)
- 23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- Sec. 15-77. Method of payment, receipt. No licensee shall
- 25 require payment for any goods or services by cash only.

- 1 <u>Licensees</u> Each licensee subject to this Section shall permit
- 2 payment by at least one other option, including, but not
- 3 limited to, personal check, cashier's check, money order, or
- 4 credit or debit card. In addition to the statement of services,
- 5 the licensee shall provide a receipt to the consumer upon
- 6 payment in part or in full, whatever the case may be.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 8 (225 ILCS 41/15-80)
- 9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)
- 10 Sec. 15-80. Statement of place of practice; roster. Each
- 11 applicant for a funeral director and embalmer's license shall
- 12 with his or her application submit a statement of the place of
- practice, ownership, names and license numbers of all funeral
- 14 directors and embalmers and funeral directors associated with
- 15 the applicant.
- The Department shall maintain a roster of names and
- 17 addresses of all persons who hold valid licenses and all
- 18 persons whose licenses have been suspended or revoked within
- 19 the previous year. This roster shall be available upon request
- 20 and payment of the required fee. The Department shall keep a
- 21 record, which shall be open to public inspection at all
- 22 reasonable times, of its proceedings relating to the issuance,
- 23 refusal, renewal, suspension and revocation of licenses. This
- 24 record shall also contain the name, known place of practice and
- 25 residence, and the date and number of the license of every

1 licensed funeral director and embalmer, licensed funeral
2 director, and licensed funeral director and embalmer intern in
3 this State.

The Department shall publish an annual list of the names and addresses of all licensees registered by it under the provisions of this Code, and of all persons whose licenses have been suspended or revoked within the past year, together with other information relative to the enforcement of the provisions of this Code as it may deem of interest to the public. One list shall be mailed to each local registrar of vital statistics upon request by the registrar. Lists shall also be mailed by the Department to any person in the State upon request.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-268, eff. 1-1-04.)

14 (225 ILCS 41/15-91)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

Sec. 15-91. Denial of license. If the Department determines that an application for licensure should be denied pursuant to Section 15-75, then the applicant shall be sent a notice of intent to deny license or exemption from licensure and the applicant shall be given the opportunity to request, within 20 days of the notice, a hearing on the denial. If the applicant requests a hearing, then the Secretary shall schedule a hearing within 30 days after the request for a hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. The Secretary shall have the authority to appoint an attorney duly licensed to practice

- 1 law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer.
- 2 The hearing officer shall have full authority to conduct the
- 3 hearing. The hearing shall be held at the time and place
- 4 designated by the Secretary. The Secretary shall have the
- 5 authority to prescribe rules for the administration of this
- 6 Section.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 8 (225 ILCS 41/15-115 new)
- 9 <u>Sec. 15-115. Confidentiality. All information collected</u>
- 10 by the Department in the course of an examination or
- 11 <u>investigation of a licensee or applicant, including, but not</u>
- 12 <u>limited to, any complaint against a licensee filed with the</u>
- 13 Department and information collected to investigate any such
- 14 complaint, shall be maintained for the confidential use of the
- 15 Department and shall not be disclosed. The Department shall not
- disclose the information to anyone other than law enforcement
- 17 officials, regulatory agencies that have an appropriate
- 18 regulatory interest as determined by the Secretary, or a party
- 19 presenting a lawful subpoena to the Department. Information and
- documents disclosed to a federal, State, county, or local law
- 21 enforcement agency shall not be disclosed by the agency for any
- 22 purpose to any other agency or person. A formal complaint filed
- against a licensee by the Department or any order issued by the
- 24 Department against a licensee or applicant shall be a public
- 25 <u>record</u>, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

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          (225 ILCS 41/20-15)
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          Sec. 20-15. Home rule. The regulation and licensing
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      provided for in this Code are exclusive powers and functions of
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      the State. A home rule unit may not regulate or license funeral
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      directors, funeral director and embalmers, customer service
      employees, or any activities relating to the services of
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      (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.
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      (Source: P.A. 96-1463, eff. 1-1-11.)
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