

1 (A) (i) Holds an associate degree from an accredited college
2 or university, or has successfully completed not less than sixty
3 semester hours or ninety quarter hours of academic work in an
4 accredited college or university toward a baccalaureate degree with
5 a declared major field of study, as evidenced by a transcript
6 submitted to the board for evaluation; ~~prior to beginning a one-~~
7 ~~year course of apprenticeship and prior to obtaining a diploma of~~
8 ~~graduation from a school of mortuary science, has completed a one-~~
9 ~~year course of apprenticeship under the supervision of a licensed~~
10 ~~embalmer and funeral director actively and lawfully engaged in the~~
11 ~~practice of embalming and funeral directing in this state, such~~
12 ~~apprenticeship to consist of diligent attention to the work in the~~
13 ~~course of regular and steady employment and not as a side issue to~~
14 ~~another employment, and under which the apprentice shall have taken~~
15 ~~an active part in the operation of embalming not less than thirty-~~
16 ~~five dead human bodies and an active part in conducting not less~~
17 ~~than thirty-five funeral services; and~~

18 (ii) Possesses a diploma of graduation from a school of
19 mortuary science accredited by the American Board of Funeral
20 Service Education, Inc., which requires as a prerequisite to
21 graduation the completion of a course of study not less than twelve
22 months' duration; ~~and which said school of mortuary science must be~~
23 ~~one accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education,~~
24 ~~Inc., and duly approved by the board; or~~

1 (B) Holds a bachelor degree in mortuary science from an
2 accredited college or university as evidenced by a transcript
3 submitted for evaluation prior to beginning a one-year course of
4 apprenticeship;

5 (6) Has completed a one-year ~~course of~~ apprenticeship under
6 the supervision of a licensed embalmer and funeral director
7 actively and lawfully engaged in the practice of embalming and
8 funeral directing in this state, ~~such apprenticeship~~ to consist of
9 diligent attention to the work in the course of regular and steady
10 employment and not as a side issue to another employment, ~~and~~ under
11 which the apprentice shall have taken an active part in the
12 operation of embalming not less than thirty-five dead human bodies
13 and an active part in conducting not less than thirty-five funeral
14 services;

15 ~~(6)~~ (7) Passes with an average score of not less than seventy-
16 five percent the national conference of funeral services
17 examination at a testing site provided by the national conference,
18 passes with a score of not less than seventy-five percent the state
19 law examination administered by the board and passes such further
20 examination as the board may deem necessary to ascertain
21 qualification and ability to engage in the practice of embalming.
22 Successfully passing the national conference of funeral services
23 examination is a condition precedent to taking the state law
24 examination administered by the board. The board shall offer the

1 state law examination at least twice each year; and

2 ~~(7)~~ (8) Has paid all the appropriate fees.

3 (b) A license to practice embalming issued by the board prior
4 to July 1, 2002, shall for all purposes be considered a license
5 issued under this section: *Provided*, That a person holding a
6 license issued prior to July 1, 2002, must renew the license
7 pursuant to the provisions of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that an applicant for a license to practice embalming complete college courses before beginning a one-year apprenticeship and before graduating from mortuary school. The requirements remain the same but do not have to be achieved in a particular order.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.