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3	(By Delegates Morgan, Stephens, Eldridge and Paxton)
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$30-6-8$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to qualifications for a license to
12	practice embalming.
13	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
14	That §30-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
15	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
16	§30-6-8. Embalmer license requirements.
17	(a) The board shall issue a license to practice embalming to
18	an applicant who: meets the following requirements:
19	(1) Is of good moral character;
20	(2) Is eighteen years of age or over;
21	(3) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for
22	employment in the United States;
23	(4) Holds a high school diploma or its equivalent;
24	(5) Has completed one of the following education requirements:

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(A) (i) Holds an associate degree from an accredited college 1 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 <u>(ii)</u> Possesses a diploma of graduation from a school of 19 mortuary science <u>accredited by the American Board of Funeral</u> 20 <u>Service Education, Inc.</u>, 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

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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

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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.