

E N R O L L E D

H. B. 2586

(BY DELEGATE(S) MORGAN, STEPHENS, ELDRIDGE AND PAXTON)

[Passed April 12, 2013; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to qualifications for a license to practice embalming; and clarifying the education, apprentice and examination requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINERS.

§30-6-8. Embalmer license requirements.

- 1 (a) The board shall issue a license to practice embalming to
- 2 an applicant who:

3 (1) Is of good moral character;

4 (2) Is eighteen years of age or over;

5 (3) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for employ-
6 ment in the United States;

7 (4) Has a high school diploma or its equivalent;

8 (5) Has completed one of the following education require-
9 ments, as evidenced by a transcript submitted to the board for
10 evaluation:

11 (A) (i) Has an associate degree from an accredited college or
12 university; or

13 (ii) Has successfully completed at least sixty semester hours
14 or ninety quarter hours of academic work in an accredited
15 college or university toward a baccalaureate degree with a
16 declared major field of study; and

17 (iii) Has graduated from a school of mortuary science,
18 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education,
19 Inc., which requires as a prerequisite to graduation the comple-
20 tion of a course of study of not less than twelve months; or

21 (B) Has a bachelor degree in mortuary science from an
22 accredited college or university;

23 (6) Has completed a one-year apprenticeship, under the
24 supervision of a licensed embalmer and funeral director actively
25 and lawfully engaged in the practice of embalming and funeral
26 directing in this state, which apprenticeship consisted of:

27 (A) Diligent attention to the work in the course of regular
28 and steady employment and not as a side issue to another
29 employment; and

30 (B) The apprentice taking an active part in:

31 (i) The operation of embalming not less than thirty-five dead
32 human bodies; and

33 (ii) Conducting not less than thirty-five funeral services;

34 (7) Passes, with an average score of not less than seventy-
35 five percent, the following examinations:

36 (A) The National Conference of Funeral Services examina-
37 tion at a testing site provided by the national conference, which
38 passage is a condition precedent to taking the state law examina-
39 tion;

40 (B) The state law examination administered by the board,
41 which examination must be offered at least twice each year; and

42 (C) Any other examination required by the board; and

43 (8) Has paid all the appropriate fees.

44 (b) A license to practice embalming issued by the board
45 prior to July 1, 2012, shall for all purposes be considered a
46 license issued under this section: *Provided*, That a person
47 holding a license issued prior to July 1, 2012, must renew the
48 license pursuant to the provisions of this article.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2013.

Governor

