

1 AN ACT relating to funeral directors.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 316.030 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) No person shall engage in, or attempt to engage in, embalming or funeral directing
5 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky unless the person is licensed under the
6 provisions of this chapter.
- 7 (2) All Kentucky-licensed persons who practice embalming or funeral directing in
8 Kentucky shall practice from a funeral establishment that is licensed to operate
9 under the provisions of this chapter.
- 10 (3) One (1) member of every firm, and one (1) officer and one (1) stockholder of every
11 corporation, that engages in embalming and funeral directing in Kentucky, shall be
12 a Kentucky-licensed embalmer and a Kentucky-licensed funeral director.
- 13 (4) The board shall issue an embalmer's license to an applicant who:
- 14 (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 15 (b) Is of good moral character;
- 16 (c) Possesses a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma;
- 17 (d) Has received an associate degree in funeral services from a college or
18 university accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education;
- 19 (e) Has served an apprenticeship of one (1) year in a Kentucky funeral
20 establishment under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed embalmer;
- 21 (f) Has taken an active part during the apprenticeship in assisting with the
22 embalming of at least twenty-five (25) dead human bodies under the direct
23 supervision of a Kentucky-licensed embalmer;
- 24 (g) Has paid to the board an examination fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75); and
- 25 (h) Has passed an examination prepared or approved by the board.
- 26 (5) The board shall issue a funeral director's license to an applicant who:
- 27 (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

- 1 (b) Is of good moral character;
- 2 (c) Possesses a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma;
- 3 (d) 1. Has served a formal~~an~~ apprenticeship that qualifies under subsection
4 (7) of this section for~~of~~ three (3) consecutive years in a Kentucky
5 funeral establishment under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed
6 funeral director. An associate degree in funeral services from a college
7 or university accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service
8 Education shall substitute for two (2) years of the apprenticeship. The
9 completion of thirty (30) semester credit hours or the equivalent from an
10 accredited college or university shall substitute for one (1) year of the
11 apprenticeship. At no time shall more than two (2) years of the
12 apprenticeship be substituted; or
- 13 2. Has served an informal apprenticeship that qualifies under subsection
14 (8) of this section for at least ten (10) consecutive years in a Kentucky
15 funeral establishment under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed
16 funeral director. An associate degree in funeral services from a
17 college or university accredited by the American Board of Funeral
18 Service Education shall substitute for two (2) years of the
19 apprenticeship. The completion of thirty (30) semester credit hours or
20 the equivalent from an accredited college or university shall substitute
21 for one (1) year of the apprenticeship. At no time shall more than two
22 (2) years of the apprenticeship be substituted;
- 23 (e) Has taken an active part during the apprenticeship in assisting with the
24 management of at least twenty-five (25) funerals under the direct supervision
25 of a Kentucky-licensed funeral director;
- 26 (f) Has paid to the board an examination fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75); and
- 27 (g) Has passed an examination prepared or approved by the board.

- 1 (6) An applicant may serve embalming and funeral directing apprenticeships
2 concurrently.
- 3 (7) At the beginning of a formal~~an~~ apprenticeship, an applicant for an embalmer's or
4 a funeral director's license shall:
- 5 (a) Appear before the board;
- 6 (b) Pay to the board a registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30); and
- 7 (c) File with the board the sworn statement of the supervising Kentucky-licensed
8 embalmer or the Kentucky-licensed funeral director averring that the applicant
9 will work full-time under supervision in the funeral establishment and will
10 receive a regular salary.
- 11 (8) (a) To register an informal apprenticeship, an applicant for a funeral director's
12 license shall:
- 13 1. Appear before the board;
- 14 2. Pay to the board a registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30);
- 15 3. Demonstrate sufficient life experience and competency by affidavit or
16 other evidence as required by the board; and
- 17 4. File with the board the sworn statement of the supervising Kentucky-
18 licensed funeral director averring that the applicant has worked an
19 average of at least twenty (20) hours per week for at least ten (10)
20 consecutive years under supervision in the funeral establishment and
21 has received a regular salary.
- 22 (b) An applicant who served a qualifying apprenticeship under this subsection
23 shall not be required to serve an apprenticeship under subsection (7) of this
24 section. An applicant who served a qualifying apprenticeship under
25 subsection (7) of this section shall not be required to serve an
26 apprenticeship under this subsection.
- 27 (c) An apprenticeship that qualifies under this subsection:

1 1. May be registered up to six (6) months before submitting an
 2 application for a funeral director license under subsection (5) of this
 3 section; and

4 2. Shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (10) of this
 5 section.

6 **(9)** An applicant servng a formal apprenticeship shall work full-time in the funeral
 7 establishment during the apprenticeship and shall receive a regular salary.

8 ~~(10)~~~~(9)~~ An applicant shall file with the board semiannually during a formal~~the~~
 9 apprenticeship sworn statements by the applicant and the supervising Kentucky-
 10 licensed embalmer or Kentucky-licensed funeral director setting out the number of
 11 hours worked, the number of embalmings or funerals in which the applicant has
 12 assisted, and the salary received.

13 ~~(11)~~~~(10)~~ A Kentucky-licensed embalmer or a Kentucky-licensed funeral director shall
 14 not supervise more than five (5) applicants serving apprenticeships at any one (1)
 15 time.