

HOUSE BILL 860

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, relative to funeral directors and embalmers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-305(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (7) and substituting the following:

(7) Has completed two (2) years of apprenticeship in the presence of and under the direction and supervision of a licensed funeral director. An associate degree, or the completion of a program of study in funeral service education, as provided in subdivision (b)(6), may be substituted for one (1) year of apprenticeship.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-305, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) The completion of thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45) quarter hours in funeral service education or the equivalent from a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, as provided in subdivision (b)(6), may be substituted for one (1) year of apprenticeship.

(2) The applicant may fulfill the hourly educational requirement under subdivision (b)(6) and substitute such hours for one (1) year of apprenticeship under subdivision (c)(1) and complete the second year of apprenticeship concurrently in a single calendar year.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.