

HOUSE BILL 2158

By Turner J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,
Chapter 5, Part 6, relative to funeral directors and
embalmers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-601, is amended by deleting subsections (b), (c) and (d) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Every licensed funeral director holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a continuing education program in funeral directing approved by the board.

(c) Each licensee holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the license renewal application satisfactory proof of completion of a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education coursework approved by the board. Compliance with such continuing education coursework shall be mandatory for renewal of a license.

(d) Any licensee who has not been engaged in the practice of funeral directing or embalming for five (5) years or more shall be issued an inactive license. If such licensee desires to resume practice, written notice shall be given to the board and evidence of funeral directing and embalming competence may be required prior to license renewal. The board shall evaluate, on an individual basis, evidence of funeral directing and embalming competence, including but not limited to, continuing education, a refresher program, comprehensive orientation program, on employment in a funeral director or embalming-related policy position or educational program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.