
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5261

State of Washington

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By Senate Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)

1 AN ACT Relating to deadlines concerning permits, licenses, or
2 endorsements of cemetery authorities; amending RCW 68.05.215,
3 68.05.225, 68.05.245, and 18.39.020; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.05.215 and 2005 c 365 s 60 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The regulatory charges for cemetery certificates at all periods
8 of the year are the same as provided in this chapter. All regulatory
9 charges are payable at the time of the filing of the application and
10 in advance of the issuance of the certificates. All certificates
11 shall be issued for the year and shall expire at midnight, the
12 (~~thirty-first~~) 31st day of (~~January~~) March of each year, or at
13 whatever time during any year that ownership or control of any
14 cemetery authority is transferred or sold. Cemetery certificates
15 shall not be transferable.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 68.05.225 and 2005 c 365 s 61 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 All prearrangement sales licenses issued under this chapter shall
19 be issued for the year and shall expire at midnight, the (~~thirty-~~
20 ~~first~~) 31st day of (~~January~~) March of each year, or at whatever

1 time during any year that ownership or control of any cemetery
2 authority is transferred or sold.

3 The director, in accordance with RCW 43.24.086, shall set and the
4 department shall collect in advance the fees required for licensing.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 68.05.245 and 2019 c 432 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All permits, licenses, or endorsements issued under this
8 chapter (~~or chapter 18.39 RCW~~) must be issued for the year and
9 expire at midnight, the (~~thirty-first~~) 31st day of (~~January~~)
10 March of each year, or at whatever time during any year that
11 ownership or control of any cemetery authority that operates such
12 facility is transferred or sold.

13 (2) The director must set and the department must collect in
14 advance the fees required for licensing.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.39.020 and 2005 c 365 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) It is unlawful for any person to act or hold himself or
18 herself out as a funeral director or embalmer or discharge any of the
19 duties of a funeral director or embalmer as defined in this chapter
20 unless the person has a valid license under this chapter. It is
21 unlawful for any person to establish, maintain, or operate a funeral
22 establishment without a valid establishment license.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all permits,
24 licenses, or endorsements issued under this chapter must be issued
25 for the year and expire at midnight, the 31st day of January of each
26 year, or at whatever time during any year that ownership or control
27 of any funeral establishment that operates such facility is
28 transferred or sold.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 31, 2023.

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