

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **H. B. 2586**

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4 (By Delegates Morgan, Stephens, Eldridge and Paxton)

5 [Passed April 12, 2013; in effect July 1, 2013.]

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10 AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to qualifications for a license to
12 practice embalming; and clarifying the education, apprentice
13 and examination requirements.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

17 **ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINERS.**

18 **§30-6-8. Embalmer license requirements.**

19 (a) The board shall issue a license to practice embalming to
20 an applicant who:

- 21 (1) Is of good moral character;
- 22 (2) Is eighteen years of age or over;
- 23 (3) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for

1 employment in the United States;

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

3 (5) Has completed one of the following education requirements,
4 as evidenced by a transcript submitted to the board for evaluation:

5 (A) (i) Has an associate degree from an accredited college or
6 university; or

7 (ii) Has successfully completed at least sixty semester hours
8 or ninety quarter hours of academic work in an accredited college
9 or university toward a baccalaureate degree with a declared major
10 field of study; and (iii) Has graduated from a school of
11 mortuary science, accredited by the American Board of Funeral
12 Service Education, Inc., which requires as a prerequisite to
13 graduation the completion of a course of study of not less than
14 twelve months; or

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

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

21 (A) Diligent attention to the work in the course of regular
22 and steady employment and not as a side issue to another
23 employment; and

24 (B) The apprentice taking an active part in: (i) The

1 operation of embalming not less than thirty-five dead human bodies;

2 and

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

4 (7) Passes, with an average score of not less than seventy-

5 five percent, the following examinations:

6 (A) The National Conference of Funeral Services examination at

7 a testing site provided by the national conference, which passage

8 is a condition precedent to taking the state law examination;

9 (B) The state law examination administered by the board, which

10 examination must be offered at least twice each year; and

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

12 (8) Has paid all the appropriate fees.

13 (b) A license to practice embalming issued by the board prior

14 to July 1, 2012, shall for all purposes be considered a license

15 issued under this section: *Provided*, That a person holding a

16 license issued prior to July 1, 2012, must renew the license

17 pursuant to the provisions of this article.