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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1140

By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW CONCERNING EMBALMERS AND
FUNERAL DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE LAW CONCERNING EMBALMERS
AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-29-302(b)(1)(B)(iv)(b), concerning the qualifications for a funeral director, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A case report under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(iv)(a) of this section shall be signed by the apprentice and the licensed funeral director under whose supervision the work was ~~performed~~ performed.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-29-302(c), concerning continuing education for a funeral director, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The board shall require applicants for licensure as funeral directors to successfully complete up to twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction in funeral service practices and ethics, laws, and rules affecting funeral service.

(2) As used in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, "classroom instruction" means instruction that is delivered:

(A) On-site or that requires the attendee to be at the same physical location as the instructor; or

(B) By any virtual method through remote communication,



including audio-only or audio-and-video instruction that is delivered digitally.

(3) Only courses of instruction approved by the board shall satisfy the requirement under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-29-313(a)(2)(A)(ii), concerning the notice required for construction of a crematorium, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) The notice shall:

(a)(1) Be published on the Sunday and Wednesday no more than fifteen (15) days nor less than seven (7) days before submitting an application to the board.

(2) Publication as described in subdivision (a)(2)(A)(ii)(a)(1) of this section is sufficient if the notice is published in the newspaper's print edition or digital edition, or both;
and

(b) Invite members of the public to submit written protest to the construction of the proposed crematorium to the board at the address designated by the board; and

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