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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 95

By: Senator D. Wallace  
By: Representative Joey Carr

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS; TO REVISE THE DUE DATE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THE LAW REGARDING EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS; AND TO REVISE THE DUE DATE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THE LAW REGARDING EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-29-306 is amended to read as follows:  
17-29-306. Renewal.

(a)(1)(A) A ~~license holder~~ licensee under this subchapter who wishes to continue the practice of the science of embalming or the business of funeral directing, or both, shall pay a renewal fee to the State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and Burial Services by the last day of the calendar year of expiration of the license.

(B) A licensee may pay the renewal fee required under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section:

- (i) annually by December 31 Annually; or
- (ii) Biennially.

(2) A license not renewed by ~~December 31~~ the last day of the



calendar of any year of expiration of the license is delinquent.

(3) The board may renew a license after ~~December 31~~ the last day of the calendar year of expiration of the license if during the first twelve (12) months of delinquency a the licensee submits a renewal form, renewal fee, and any delinquency fees as determined by rule of the board.

(4) A person whose license is delinquent under subdivision (a)(2) of this section for at least thirteen (13) months may apply to the board for reinstatement of the delinquent license by submitting a reinstatement application and attaching any applicable fees as determined by rule of the board.

(b)(1)(A) Renewal of a funeral establishment license shall be made on or before December 31 ~~of each year~~ either annually or biennially, and shall be accompanied by the ~~annual~~ renewal fee ~~prescribed in § 17-29-208 [repealed]~~ under this section.

(B) A funeral establishment license may be renewed under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section:

(i) Annually; or

(ii) Biennially.

(2) A license not renewed by December 31 of ~~any~~ the calendar year of expiration shall be considered delinquent and constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the board.

(c) Failure to receive the renewal notice ~~shall~~ does not relieve the licensee or establishment of the duty to pay the renewal fee ~~as prescribed~~ under this section.

/s/D. Wallace

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