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§30-6-1. License required to practice.

The practice of preparing dead human bodies for burial or cremation and the subsequent burial or cremation thereof has serious public health and safety considerations and should only be practiced by a person who has specific training in those fields.

Therefore, the Legislature hereby finds that to protect the public interest a person must have a license, as provided in this article, to practice embalming, funeral directing and cremation and to operate a funeral establishment and crematory in the State of West Virginia.