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House Bill No. 2586
(By Delegate(s) Morgan, Stephens, Eldridge and Paxton)

Passed April 12, 2013
In effect from passage.
AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to qualifications for a license to practice embalming; and clarifying the education, apprentice and examination requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINERS.

§30-6-8. Embalmer license requirements.

(a) The board shall issue a license to practice embalming to an applicant who:
(1) Is of good moral character;

(2) Is eighteen years of age or over;

(3) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for employment in the United States;

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

(5) Has completed one of the following education requirements, as evidenced by a transcript submitted to the board for evaluation:
   
   (A) (i) Has an associate degree from an accredited college or university; or
   
   (ii) Has successfully completed at least sixty semester hours or ninety quarter hours of academic work in an accredited college or university toward a baccalaureate degree with a declared major field of study; and

   (iii) Has graduated from a school of mortuary science, accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc., which requires as a prerequisite to graduation the completion of a course of study of not less than twelve months; or

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

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

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

   (B) The apprentice taking an active part in:
(i) The operation of embalming not less than thirty-five dead human bodies; and

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

(7) Passes, with an average score of not less than seventy-five percent, the following examinations:

(A) The National Conference of Funeral Services examination at a testing site provided by the national conference, which passage is a condition precedent to taking the state law examination;

(B) The state law examination administered by the board, which examination must be offered at least twice each year; and

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

(8) Has paid all the appropriate fees.

(b) A license to practice embalming issued by the board prior to July 1, 2012, shall for all purposes be considered a license issued under this section: Provided, That a person holding a license issued prior to July 1, 2012, must renew the license pursuant to the provisions of this article.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 1st day of May, 2013.

Governor