

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0108

ENROLLED ACT NO. 17, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to funeral service practitioners; clarifying the definition of embalming; revising education requirements for funeral service practitioners; revising requirements for reciprocal licenses; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-16-502(a)(xiv), 33-16-517(a)(iii) and 33-16-522(a)(intro) and (ii)(B) are amended to read:

33-16-502. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xiv) "Embalming" means the disinfecting, preparing or preserving for final disposition of dead human bodies, in whole or in part, or any attempt to do so, by the use or application of chemical substances, fluids or gases on the body, or by the introduction of the same into the body by vascular or hypodermic injection or by direct introduction into organs or cavities, or by any other method or process. "Embalming" does not include setting features for the purpose of identification of an unembalmed dead human body or disinfecting a dead human body through non-arterial methods;

33-16-517. Funeral service practitioner; license required; qualifications.

(a) Persons employed by a funeral establishment may assist funeral directors and funeral service practitioners in the area of funeral directing, under the supervision of a licensed funeral service practitioner. To be licensed as a funeral service practitioner within the state of Wyoming,

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an applicant shall apply to the board for a funeral service practitioner license, upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and satisfactory evidence of the following:

(iii) The applicant has ~~completed sixty (60) credit hours at an accredited college or university in the United States, and has separately obtained~~

(A) Obtained an associates' or higher degree in funeral service practice or mortuary science from an American board of funeral service education accredited mortuary science program or an equivalent accredited program of funeral service education; or, ~~in the alternative, the applicant has received a bachelor degree in funeral service practice or mortuary science. The board may accept education obtained outside the United States on a case by case basis;~~

(B) Obtained a mortuary science diploma from an institution accredited by the American board of funeral service education or an equivalent accreditation and can show evidence of five (5) years of experience in practicing funeral service in another jurisdiction, regardless of whether that jurisdiction has a formal licensing requirement for funeral service practice as defined by W.S. 33-16-502(a)(xvii).

33-16-522. Out-of-state licensees; reciprocity; state of disaster or emergency; entities and individuals.

(a) The board shall have the power to issue a reciprocal ~~licenses~~ license to ~~applicants licensed in other states which have~~ an applicant from another jurisdiction

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that has equal or like educational requirements as required by this state or the board as follows:

(ii) The board may issue an appropriate license without further apprenticeship to a resident of a state which has similar educational requirements necessary for reciprocity with this state, if the applicant:

(B) Has been:

(I) An active funeral service practice licensee and has actually been engaged in funeral service practice for at least ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years; or

(II) Practicing funeral service in another jurisdiction that does not have formal licensing requirements for funeral service practice as defined by W.S. 33-16-502(a)(xvii) for at least five (5) years and the applicant meets the education requirements specified by W.S. 33-16-517(a)(iii)(A) or (B).

Section 2. This act shall apply to license applications made on or after July 1, 2022.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk