

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0108

Funeral service practitioner amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Barlow, Bear,
Larsen, Laursen, Paxton, Rodriguez-Williams
and Wilson and Senator(s) Nethercott

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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12 **33-16-502. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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

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13 **33-16-517. Funeral service practitioner; license**
14 **required; qualifications.**

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16 (a) Persons employed by a funeral establishment may
17 assist funeral directors and funeral service practitioners
18 in the area of funeral directing, under the supervision of
19 a licensed funeral service practitioner. To be licensed as
20 a funeral service practitioner within the state of Wyoming,
21 an applicant shall apply to the board for a funeral service
22 practitioner license, upon a form and in the manner

1 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee
2 and satisfactory evidence of the following:

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

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

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18 (B) Obtained a mortuary science diploma
19 from an institution accredited by the American board of
20 funeral service education or an equivalent accreditation
21 and can show evidence of five (5) years of experience in
22 practicing funeral service in another jurisdiction,
23 regardless of whether that jurisdiction has a formal

1 licensing requirement for funeral service practice as
2 defined by W.S. 33-16-502(a)(xvii).

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4 **33-16-522. Out-of-state licensees; reciprocity; state**
5 **of disaster or emergency; entities and individuals.**

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7 (a) The board shall have the power to issue a
8 reciprocal ~~licenses~~license to ~~applicants licensed in other~~
9 ~~states which have~~an applicant from another jurisdiction
10 that has equal or like educational requirements as required
11 by this state or the board as follows:

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

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18 (B) Has been:

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

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

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

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

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