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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 761

House of Representatives, February 25, 1969

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Amending Funeral Directors' Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1455, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection 3 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 253 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows :

B. False or misleading advertising as a ~~licensee~~ **practitioner of funeral service, funeral director or embalmer**; advertising or using the name of ~~an unlicensed~~ a person in connection with that of any funeral establishment **who is not licensed as a practitioner of funeral service, funeral director or embalmer**;

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1501, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 1501 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 6 of chapter 253 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows :

To be licensed for the practice of funeral service under this section, a person must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of this State and a citizen of the United States, of good moral character, have successfully completed a prescribed course at a school ~~of funeral service accredited by the American or schools approved by the Maine~~ Board of Funeral Service ~~Education~~, and must have served as a resident trainee for not less than 12 months under the personal supervision in this State of a person licensed for the practice of funeral service or a prior equivalent license.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 1501-A, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1501-A to read as follows :

§ 1501-A. Prior licensees

Any person who was duly licensed on October 7, 1967, as a funeral director and embalmer may, at the discretion of the Board of Funeral Service, be licensed for the practice of funeral service within the context of this chapter.

Any person who is duly licensed on October 7, 1967, as a funeral director, may be granted a renewal of his license. A funeral director shall be authorized to engage in the business or profession of funeral directing and of preparing, other than by embalming, or disposing of dead bodies by any means whatever, and to do any work coming within the province of said vocation according to its commonly accepted usage.

Any person who was duly licensed on October 7, 1967, as an embalmer, may be granted a renewal of his license. An embalmer shall be authorized to perform all acts related to preparing, embalming, shipping or burying dead human bodies, and to do work coming within the province of said vocation according to its commonly accepted usage.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 1503-A, amended. The first sentence of section 1503-A of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 9 of chapter 253 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

In order for any person to receive credit for time served as a resident trainee, he shall serve in full-time employment **with a funeral establishment approved by the Maine Board of Funeral Service** under the instruction and supervision of the person licensed for the practice of funeral service and actively engaged in the practice thereof.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 32, § 1504, amended. The 5th sentence of section 1504 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 10 of chapter 253 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

The license for the practitioner of funeral services shall not exceed \$25 and the ~~fees fee~~ for a resident trainee ~~and mortuary assistant~~ shall not exceed \$5.