

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1299

H. P. 964

House of Representatives, February 17, 1965

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Licensing of Embalmers, Funeral Directors and Funeral Homes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1502, amended. The 4th and 5th paragraphs of section 1502 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

'All funeral establishments must be operated by a person or persons holding a funeral director's license **and must be registered by the board and said. Said license and certificate of registration** shall be conspicuously displayed at or in such establishments.

All branch establishments must be operated by a person or persons holding a funeral director's license **and must be registered by the board and the. Said license and certificate of registration must** shall be displayed in all such branch establishments.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1503, amended. Section 1503 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 1503. Blanks and forms of procedure; lists of licensees and examinations

The Department of Health and Welfare may adopt such blanks and forms of procedure as it may deem necessary to carry out ~~this chapter~~ **sections 1502 to 1505** and shall keep on file a list of all registered and licensed embalmers **and**, funeral directors **and funeral homes** and a record of examinations, together with the examination papers, all of which shall be open to public inspection.'

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 1504, repealed and replaced. Section 1504 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1504. Fees; expiration and renewal of licenses

The fee for examinations under section 1502 shall be \$10. All licenses and certificates of registration which have been or may be issued to funeral directors, embalmers and funeral homes by the board shall expire on the 31st day of December, annually. Any person holding an embalmer's license or certificate of registration of a funeral home or a funeral director's license issued under this or any other law, may have the same renewed by making and filing with the secretary of said board an application therefor within 30 days preceding the expiration of his or her license or certificate of registration, upon blanks prescribed by said board, and upon payment of the established renewal fee. The fee for initial and renewal registration of a funeral home shall be \$10. The fee for an initial or renewal apprentice's or mortuary assistant's license shall be \$2. The board shall by regulation establish the initial and renewal fees for an embalmer's license, a funeral director's license and combined embalmer's and funeral director's license. The fee for an embalmer's license shall not exceed \$10, the fee for a funeral director's license shall not exceed \$10, and the fee for a combined embalmer's and funeral director's license shall not exceed \$15. Any person neglecting or failing to have his or her license or certificate of registration renewed may have the same renewed by making application therefor within 30 days after the date of such expiration and upon the payment of the regular renewal fee plus a revival fee of \$2. Any person who held an embalmer's license or a funeral director's license issued in accordance with the laws of this State, but who failed to renew said license, is not now entitled to engage in the business of embalming dead bodies, shall be allowed to take an examination for a license to engage in said business, and upon successfully passing such examination and paying the required fees shall be granted a license as an embalmer or funeral director, and the said board of examiners is authorized and directed to give such examination and grant such license to any applicant complying with the above provisions.'