

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Require Each Person Licensed for the Practice of Funeral  
Service to Participate in Continuing Professional Education.**

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

4 32 MRSA §1506 is enacted to read:

6 §1506. Educational requirements

8 1. Applicability. This section applies to all persons licensed for the practice of funeral service in accordance with section 1501.

10 2. Requirements. As a prerequisite to renewal on or after January 1, 1993 of any license subject to this subchapter, licensees must complete 12 hours of continuing education within 2 years prior to the date of renewal in programs or courses approved by the board. The board may, for good cause shown, grant an extension of time to any person to allow that person to comply with this subchapter.

12 3. Program approval. Each application for approval of a continuing education program must be submitted according to the guidelines prescribed by the board. The board may establish by rule criteria for the review and approval of courses and for the determination of the number of continuing education hours to be credited for completion of each course or program.

14 4. Penalties. The license for the practice of funeral service of any person who fails to comply with this section may not be renewed and terminates upon the next expiration date.

16 5. Rulemaking authority. The board may establish by rule reasonable procedures and standards to fulfill the purposes of this section.

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36 STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This bill requires continuing professional education for  
40 licensed funeral directors and embalmers. The requirements are under the supervision of the State Board of Funeral Service.