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H.P. 655

House of Representatives, March 17, 2015

An Act Regarding the Licensure of Funeral Service Providers

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, GOODE of Bangor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LOCKMAN
of Amherst, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: BURNS of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1501**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. J, §§8 and 9, is
3 further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board shall permit the provisional
5 licensure under this section of a practitioner of funeral service who has been in
6 continuous practice as a licensed practitioner of funeral service in good standing in
7 another state for 2 continuous years immediately preceding submission of an application
8 under this section if the license from the other state was obtained under substantially
9 similar requirements as the license requirements under this chapter and the applicant
10 provides appropriate letters of recommendation as required by the board. The board shall
11 compile and periodically update a list of states that have licensure requirements for the
12 practice of funeral service substantially similar to those in this chapter. Upon verification
13 of a complete application that meets the requirements of this paragraph, the board shall
14 issue a temporary license to the applicant that expires in 90 days or when the board rules
15 on the application, whichever is sooner. The board shall rule on an application submitted
16 under this paragraph within 90 days of the application's submission. If the board approves
17 an application under this paragraph, the board shall issue a provisional license for the
18 practice of funeral service. A person who receives a provisional license under this
19 paragraph must achieve a passing score on the examination under this section within one
20 year of issuance of a provisional license under this paragraph. The board shall issue a
21 permanent license under this section to a holder of a provisional license under this
22 paragraph upon the provisional license holder's passing an examination under this section.
23 The board shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
24 2-A to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill creates a process that allows a holder of a license to practice funeral services
27 in another state with substantially similar licensure requirements as this State who has
28 practiced for at least 2 consecutive years immediately prior to applying for a license in
29 this State to receive a provisional license to practice funeral services. To obtain a
30 permanent license, the person is required to pass the examination for licensure to practice
31 funeral services within a year of receiving the provisional license.