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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Funeral Directors and Embalmers.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 195, amended.** The second paragraph of section 195 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any person wishing to become a funeral director and to engage in the business or profession of funeral directing, and if preparing, other than by embalming, or disposing of dead human bodies by any means whatever in this State shall be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, be of good moral character, with not less than a high school education or its equivalent, shall have practiced funeral directing for at least 2 years under the direction and supervision of a licensed funeral director, ~~and graduated from a 12 months' course in an approved school~~ and graduated from a 12 months' course of study in a school or college of mortuary science, the requirements and standards of which school or college shall have the approval of the State Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, and shall have an intelligent comprehension of the dangers from contagious and infectious diseases and of the actions and uses of disinfectant agencies as the Bureau of Health may prescribe as necessary for the protection of the living, and shall pass an examination before a Board of Examiners as appointed under the provisions of the following section.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 197, amended.** The first sentence of the second paragraph of section 197 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Applicants for funeral directors' licenses shall pass an examination upon their knowledge of sanitation, **bacteriology**, disinfection of the apartments, bedding,

clothing or anything likely to be affected in the case of death from infectious or contagious diseases in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 25, § 197, amended.** Section 197 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting between the second and third paragraphs a new paragraph to read as follows:

**'Applicants for the combination license of funeral director and embalmer may be given a single examination.'**

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 25, § 200, amended.** The second sentence of section 200 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Any person holding an embalmer's license or certificate of registration or funeral director's license issued under the provisions of this or any other law, may have the same renewed by making and filing with the secretary of said Board of Examiners 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 the payment of a renewal fee of \$2 for an embalmer's license, \$2 for a funeral director's license, \$3 for a combination embalmer's and funeral director's license and \$1 for an apprentice's license, provided, however, that any person neglecting or failing to have his or her license or certificate of registration renewed as above may have the same renewed by making application therefor within 30 days after the date of such expiration and upon the payment of \$4, revival and renewal fee and upon the payment of the regular renewal fee plus a revival fee of \$1.'**