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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

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## Chapter 292

### AN ACT Relating to the State Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 188, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 188 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘The members of the board shall each receive ~~\$10~~ \$15 a day and expenses while engaged in the business of said board. The secretary shall receive actual expenses while engaged in the business of the board.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 188, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 188 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 333 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The secretary of said board shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, certificates of registration and licenses, attest all such papers and orders as said board shall direct, cause inspections to be made at least once ~~a year~~ every 3 years of all establishments or places of business of any person carrying on the business of funeral director or embalmer in the state and perform such other duties as shall be designated by the board. Such inspection shall be for the purpose of determining that such establishments and places are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and that suitable equipment for their proper conduct is maintained therein and that the laws and the regulations of the board and of the department of health and welfare relating to the conduct of such establishments are observed. The board may employ one or more inspectors to carry out the duties of inspection imposed by this section, and such inspection may also be made by members of the board upon authorization by the board.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 189, amended. Section 189 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end, to read as follows:

‘The board may adopt rules and regulations governing its own procedure. It may also adopt rules and regulations consistent with the law governing the time, place, method and grading of examinations. Written examinations shall be retained for a period of 5 years but need not be retained for a longer period.’

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 22, § 197, sub-§ III, §§ L, M, additional. Subsection III of section 197 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 333 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby further amended by adding after paragraph K thereof 2 new paragraphs to be lettered L and M, to read as follows:

**L. Gross incompetency, negligence or misconduct in carrying on the business or profession of embalming or funeral directing.**

**M. Abuse or disrespect in the handling of a dead human body, violation of any law or ordinance affecting the handling, custody, care or transportation of dead human bodies.'**

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 22, § 197, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 197 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 333 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended by inserting before the last sentence thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

**'The appeal may be heard by a justice of the said superior court either in term time or vacation.'**

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 293

### AN ACT Relating to Removal of Bodies to Crematories.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 376, amended. Section 376 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

**'No dead human body shall be removed, transported or shipped to any crematory unless encased in a casket or other suitable container.'**

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 294

### AN ACT Relating to the Registration and Practice of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 64, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: