

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 193

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EMBALMERS/FUNERAL DIRECT. Provides relative to certificate renewals by the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:844 and to enact R.S. 37:874(C) and (D), relative to  
3 embalming and funeral directing; to provide for certificate renewals; to provide for  
4 notice; to provide for a time frame for compliance; to provide for refunds of certain  
5 reinstatement fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:844 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:874(C) and (D)  
9 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §844. Renewals

11 A. Every certificate holder under this Chapter who ~~wishes to continue~~  
12 **continues** the practice of the science of embalming, ~~or~~ the practice of funeral  
13 directing, **or continues to operate a funeral establishment in this state** shall  
14 **renew its license by paying** pay to the secretary of the board on or before December  
15 31 of each year the renewal fee ~~provided in~~ **set forth by rule in accordance with**  
16 R.S. 37:845. **Any certificate holder whose renewal fee is not received by the**  
17 **board by December thirty-first shall be deemed delinquent. A notice of**





Proposed law repeals the provision for automatic revocation of certificate for failure to pay and establishes a process requiring the board to issue notice of failure to pay by certified mail, provide the opportunity for the certificate holder to pay within five days of receipt of the certified mail, and issue a refund to any certificate holders who were assessed a reinstatement fee in January 2017, to include the reinstatement fee less the annual renewal fee. The refund must be issued by September 1, 2017.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:844; adds R.S. 37:847(C) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.