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Present law provides for the regulation and licensure of embalmers and funeral directors by the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (board).

Proposed law creates a new license for a funeral director assistant. "Funeral director assistant" means a person to whom a valid license has been issued by the board to assist a funeral director in one or more of the functions of funeral directing and actively engage in such work.

Proposed law provides that the qualifications of a funeral director assistant are as follows:

- (1) Is at least 18 years of age.
- (2) Has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (3) Is found by the board to be of good moral character and temperate habits.
- (4) Has served an internship in the state for a period of not less than three months and not more than 12 months and has actively assisted in at least 20 funerals.
- (5) Has paid the application fee.
- (6) Has passed satisfactorily an examination conducted by the board relative to La. rules and regulations.

Proposed law requires payment of an application fee of not more than \$150 and subjects the licensee to a renewal fee of not more than \$80.

Proposed law provides that a funeral director assistant shall be an employee of a funeral home and work under the supervision of a funeral director. Provides the funeral director assistant shall be a person to whom the funeral director delegates the responsibility of funeral directing.

Proposed law makes it unlawful for a funeral director assistant to manage a funeral home, sign a death certificate, sign a cremation coroner form, and sign a cremation authorization form.

Proposed law allows the board to adopt administrative rules relative to funeral director assistants.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 37:831(44) through (80), 842(C), (D)(intro para), (E)(intro para), (F)(intro para),

(G)(intro para), and (H), 845(3), 848(D), (E), and (F) and 855(A); adds R.S. 37:831(81), 842(I), 842.1, 845(10), and 848(G))