

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 554

BY REPRESENTATIVE RITCHIE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:831(introductory paragraph) and (10) and (44) and 842(F)(1)  
3 through (3), relative to state licensed embalmers and funeral directors; to provide for  
4 definitions relative to branch and funeral establishments; to provide for authorized  
5 embalming performed by supervised registered interns; to require a minimum  
6 number of caskets in display rooms of funeral establishments; to provide with  
7 respect to funeral establishment management; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 37:831(introductory paragraph) and (10) and (44) and 842(F)(1)  
10 through (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §831. Definitions

12 For purposes of this Chapter and implementation thereof, the following terms  
13 ~~shall~~ have the meaning as defined herein, unless the context clearly indicates  
14 otherwise:

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16 (10) "Branch establishment" means ~~an auxiliary facility or division of a main~~  
17 ~~funeral establishment licensed under the provisions of this Chapter and used for the~~  
18 ~~care, embalming, or disposition of dead human bodies~~ a licensed funeral  
19 establishment devoted to or used in the care of the body of a deceased person, or  
20 maintained or held out to the public, by advertising or otherwise, as the office or  
21 place for the practice of funeral directing. Ownership of the branch is identical to  
22 the ownership of the main funeral establishment controlling the branch, and such

1 establishment can practically be served by the licensed personnel of the main  
2 establishment.

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4 (44) "Funeral establishment" means any place or premises duly licensed by  
5 the board and devoted to or used in the care and preparation for ~~burial~~ disposition of  
6 the body of a deceased person or maintained or held out to the public by advertising  
7 or otherwise as the office or place for the practice of funeral directing.

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9 §842. Minimum qualifications for license

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11 F. Any establishment where the business of funeral directing or embalming  
12 as defined in R.S. 37:831 is conducted within this state shall be duly licensed. An  
13 establishment shall be qualified to be licensed to operate as such if it meets all of the  
14 following requirements:

15 (1) It is managed or is to be managed by a funeral director holding a valid  
16 license, other than a temporary license, from the state of Louisiana. The funeral  
17 director shall manage the establishment on a full-time basis and funeral directing  
18 shall be his principal occupation.

19 (2) Embalming is performed only by an embalmer and funeral director  
20 holding a valid license from the state of Louisiana or a registered intern under the  
21 supervision of a state-licensed embalmer and funeral director.

22 (3)(a) It is found, after proper investigation to meet the requirements  
23 established by the board with respect to all of the following:

24 (i) ~~licensed personnel~~; Licensed personnel, including those working under  
25 the authority of a temporary license.

26 (ii) ~~registered~~ Registered interns; ~~and those working under the authority of~~  
27 ~~a temporary license;~~

28 (iii) ~~embalming~~ Embalming facilities for the sanitation, disinfection, and  
29 preparation of a human body;

30 (iv) ~~adequate~~ Adequate buildings;

1                    (v) ~~display~~ Display rooms for displaying funeral merchandise consisting of,  
2                    but not limited to a minimum of six adult caskets of a variety of styles and quality.

3                    (vi) Other necessary facilities, furnishings, ~~or~~ and equipment ~~and other~~  
4                    ~~necessary facilities~~ to adequately serve the public.

5                    (b) The embalming facilities and display rooms described in this Paragraph  
6                    are required in every funeral establishment that is not a branch establishment.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_