

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law defined a "branch establishment" as an auxiliary facility or division of a main funeral establishment licensed and used for the care, embalming, or disposition of dead human bodies.

New law changes prior law to define a "branch establishment" as a licensed funeral establishment devoted to or used in the care of a deceased person's body, or maintained or publically advertised as the office or place for the practice of funeral directing. Provides that branch ownership is identical to the ownership of the main funeral establishment controlling the branch, and such branch can practically be served by the licensed personnel of the main establishment.

Existing law defines a "funeral establishment" as any place or premises duly licensed and devoted to or used in the care and preparation for burial of a deceased person's body, or maintained or publically advertised as the office or place for the practice of funeral directing. New law changes the term "burial" to "disposition."

Existing law requires an establishment conducting the business of funeral directing or embalming to be managed by a funeral director holding a valid license in the state of La. New law excludes a temporary license as such valid license.

Existing law requires an establishment conducting the business of funeral directing or embalming to perform embalming only by an embalmer and funeral director holding a valid license in the state of La. New law authorizes a registered intern, supervised by a state licensed embalmer and funeral director, to perform embalming.

Existing law provides for an establishment conducting the business of funeral directing or embalming to meet certain personnel and facility requirements. New law adds the requirement for display rooms of such establishments to display funeral merchandise consisting of, but not limited to, a minimum of 6 adult caskets of a variety of styles and quality.

New law requires embalming facilities and display rooms described in new law and existing law to be in every funeral establishment except a branch establishment.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 37:831(intro. para.) and (10) and (44) and 842(F)(1)-(3))