

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2816.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to continuing education for*  
3 *funeral services licensees, funeral directors, and embalmers.*

4 [H 378]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-2816.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 54.1-2816.1. Continuing education requirements; promulgation of regulations.

9 A. The Board shall promulgate regulations governing continuing education requirements for funeral  
10 services licensees, funeral directors and embalmers licensed by the Board.11 B. The Board shall approve criteria for continuing education courses, requiring no more than 40  
12 ~~hours over two years~~ *five hours per year*, that are directly related to the respective license and scope of  
13 practice of funeral service licensees, funeral directors and embalmers. Approved continuing education  
14 courses shall include, but not be limited to, at least one hour per year covering compliance with *federal*  
15 *or state* laws and regulations governing the profession, and at least one hour per year covering preneed  
16 funeral arrangements. Course providers may be required to register continuing education courses with  
17 the Board pursuant to Board regulations. The Board shall not allow continuing education credit for  
18 courses where the principal purpose of the course is to promote, sell or offer goods, products or services  
19 to funeral homes.20 C. All course providers shall furnish written certification to licensees of the Board attending and  
21 completing respective courses, indicating the satisfactory completion of an approved continuing  
22 education course. Each course provider shall retain records of all persons attending and those persons  
23 satisfactorily completing such continuing education courses for a period of two years following each  
24 course. Applicants for renewal or reinstatement of licenses issued pursuant to this article shall retain for  
25 a period of two years the written certification issued by any Board-approved provider of continuing  
26 education courses. The Board may require course providers or licensees to submit copies of such records  
27 or certification, as it deems necessary, to ensure compliance with continuing education requirements.28 D. The Board shall have the authority to grant exemptions or waivers in cases of certified illness or  
29 undue hardship.30 E. The Board may provide for an inactive status for those licensees who do not practice in Virginia.  
31 The Board may adopt regulations reducing or waiving continuing education requirements for any  
32 licensee granted such inactive status. However, no licensee granted inactive status may have their license  
33 changed to active status without first obtaining additional continuing education hours as may be  
34 determined by the Board. No person or registrant shall practice in Virginia as an embalmer, funeral  
35 director, or funeral service licensee unless he holds a current, active license.