

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2810 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of funeral*
3 *establishments.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 54.1-2810 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 54.1-2810. Licensure of funeral establishments.

9 No person shall conduct, maintain, manage or operate a funeral establishment unless a license for
10 each such establishment has been issued by the Board. No license to operate a funeral establishment
11 shall be issued by the Board unless each such funeral establishment has in charge, full time, a person
12 licensed for the practice of funeral service or a licensed funeral director. Applications for funeral
13 establishment licenses shall be made on forms furnished by the Board and filed by the owner or the
14 registered agent of the corporation with the Board.

15 Each funeral establishment license shall expire annually at a time prescribed by Board regulation. A
16 license may be renewed within thirty days of its expiration. Upon expiration of the license, the Board
17 shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this section. Renewal of a license after the expiration of
18 the thirty-day period shall be in the discretion of the Board.

19 Violations of any provisions of this chapter or any Board regulations by any person, or an officer,
20 agent or employee with the knowledge or consent of any person operating a funeral establishment shall
21 be considered sufficient cause for suspension or revocation of the funeral establishment license.

22 An operator of a funeral establishment shall not allow any person licensed for the practice of funeral
23 service to operate out of his funeral establishment unless the licensee is the operator or an employee of
24 the operator of a licensed funeral establishment.

25 *When licensing funeral establishments, the Board may grant a hardship waiver from the requirement*
26 *for a full-time manager licensed for the practice of funeral service or licensed as a funeral director,*
27 *allowing the operation of two funeral establishments having in charge one full-time person licensed for*
28 *the practice of funeral service or one licensed funeral director who divides his time between the two*
29 *funeral establishments. Prior to granting a hardship waiver, the Board shall find that (i) the two*
30 *establishments have been in operation for at least three years; (ii) the combined average number of*
31 *funeral calls at the two establishments, as submitted in monthly reports to the Division of Vital Records*
32 *and Health Statistics of the Virginia Department of Health, over the previous three years is no more*
33 *than eighty-five per year; and (iii) the distance between the two establishments is thirty five miles or*
34 *less.*

35 *Prior to granting a renewal of a license granted under a hardship waiver, the Board shall determine*
36 *whether the requirements for license renewal under such waiver continue to exist.*

37 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2000.**

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