

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2819 of the Code of Virginia, relating to surface transportation or*  
3 *removal service; manager of record.*

4 [H 1803]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-2819 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-2819. Registration of surface transportation and removal services; penalty.**

9 Any person or private business, except a common carrier engaged in interstate commerce, the  
10 Commonwealth and its agencies, or an emergency medical services agency holding a permit issued by  
11 the Commissioner of Health pursuant to § 32.1-111.6, shall apply for and receive a registration as a  
12 transportation and removal service in order to be authorized to engage in the business of surface  
13 transportation or removal of dead human bodies in this Commonwealth.

14 Surface transportation and removal services shall not arrange or conduct funerals, provide for the  
15 care or preparation, including embalming, of dead human bodies, or sell or provide funeral-related goods  
16 and services without the issuance of a funeral service establishment license.

17 The Board of ~~Funeral Directors and Embalmers~~ shall promulgate regulations for such registration  
18 including proper procedures in the handling of all dead human bodies being transported, *the* application  
19 process for registration, and *the* establishment of registration fees. These regulations shall not require the  
20 use of a casket for transportation. No licensed funeral service establishment shall be required to receive  
21 such registration in addition to its funeral service establishment license. However, such establishment  
22 shall be subject to the regulations pertaining to transportation and removal services.

23 *Every applicant for registration as a surface transportation and removal service shall include the*  
24 *name of a manager of record on any application for registration and shall notify the Board within 30*  
25 *days of any change in the manager of record. Such notice shall include the name of the new manager of*  
26 *record of the surface transportation and removal service.*

27 All registrations as a surface transportation and removal service shall be renewed annually and no  
28 person, private business, or funeral service establishment shall engage in the business as a surface  
29 transportation and removal service without holding a valid registration.

30 Any surface transportation or removal service ~~which~~ *that* is not registered or persons who knowingly  
31 engage in transportation or removal services without registration shall be subject to the disciplinary  
32 actions provided in this chapter.

33 This section shall not be construed to prohibit private individuals from transporting or removing the  
34 remains of deceased family members and relatives either by preference or in observation of religious  
35 beliefs and customs.

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