

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Funeral Service)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the powers of the state board of funeral service to conduct
3 information seminars; and to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 43-10-10.1 and
4 sections 43-10-13, 43-10-14, 43-10-15, 43-10-15.1, 43-10-22, and 43-10-23 of the North
5 Dakota Century Code, relating to an exception to the requirement of a license to practice
6 funeral service, licensing of funeral practitioners, and licensing and inspection of funeral
7 establishments.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 created and enacted as follows:

11 **Information seminars.** The board may conduct information seminars.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 43-10-10.1 of the North Dakota
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 6. This chapter does not prohibit individuals licensed in other states, as embalmers or
15 funeral directors, from assisting ~~a North Dakota licensed embalmer during~~
16 ~~disasters or special emergencies~~ funeral practitioners.

17 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **43-10-13. License - When granted - Fee - Signed by majority of board -**
20 **Nontransferable - Where displayed.** The board shall grant a license to practice funeral
21 service if the applicant:

- 22 1. Has the required qualifications;
- 23 2. Has passed the required examination; and

1 3. Has paid to the treasurer of the board a sum of not more than ~~one~~ two hundred
2 dollars, as established by the board.

3 The license must be signed by a majority of the board, be attested by the board's seal, and
4 specify by name the person to whom it is issued. A license is nonassignable ~~and,~~
5 nontransferable, and must be displayed ~~by the licensee in a conspicuous place in the licensee's~~
6 ~~office or place of business~~ where it can be observed by the public.

7 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **43-10-14. License by reciprocity.** A licenseholder in good standing in another ~~state~~
10 ~~maintaining a system and standard of examination equivalent to~~ jurisdiction that imposes
11 requirements for licensure which are at least as stringent as the requirements of this state may
12 be issued a license after passing a written examination on questions concerning laws and rules
13 of this state, upon payment of a fee established by the board, and proof of good moral
14 character.

15 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **43-10-15. License - Term - Renewal - Fee for renewal.** A license to practice funeral
18 service is valid ~~for one year~~ until the end of the year issued and may be renewed by the board
19 upon the payment to the treasurer of the annual renewal fee before December thirty-first of
20 each year. The amount of the fee may not exceed one hundred dollars. The board may refuse
21 to renew a license for cause.

22 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **43-10-15.1. Late renewal.** A license that has been expired may be renewed at any
25 time within ~~three~~ two years after its expiration on filing an application for renewal on a form
26 prescribed by the board and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal
27 date. If the license is not renewed within thirty days after its expiration, the licensee shall pay a
28 late fee determined by the board not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Renewal under this
29 section is effected on the date on which the application is filed, on the date which the renewal
30 fee is paid, or on the date on which the late fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. A license
31 that is not renewed within ~~three~~ two years after its expiration may ~~not~~ be renewed ~~thereafter~~ by

1 filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, payment of the late fee, and
2 passing the law and rules examination.

3 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **43-10-22. Licensure of funeral establishments.** A person may not operate or
6 manage a funeral establishment without a funeral establishment license issued by the board for
7 each place of business. Except for on tribal land, a funeral establishment may not be located
8 on tax-exempt property. A person desiring to operate a funeral establishment shall submit an
9 application for an annual license for each funeral establishment to the secretary or executive
10 secretary of the board accompanied by a license fee for each establishment of not more than
11 one hundred dollars, as established by the board. A person operating or managing a funeral
12 establishment shall annually, on or before December first, submit an application for renewal of
13 a license with a renewal fee of not more than one hundred twenty-five dollars, as established
14 by the board. A license is valid until the following January first, unless sooner revoked. An
15 application must show that the funeral establishment has complied with all rules adopted by the
16 board in regard to safety and sanitation and will be under the supervision of an individual
17 licensed to practice funeral service. An applicant who has met these standards must be issued
18 a license. In case of the death of an owner of a funeral establishment who leaves an
19 established business as part or all of an estate, the board may issue a special renewable
20 temporary license to the personal representative of the deceased person for the duration of the
21 administration of the estate, but which may not exceed two years. The fee for the temporary
22 license is the same as required for regular licenses.

23 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-10-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25 **43-10-23. Inspections - Hearings - Revocations - Appeal.** The funeral
26 establishment, or that part of a funeral establishment in which is conducted or intended to be
27 conducted any funeral service business, must be open at all times for inspection by the board
28 or the state department of health. The board or agents employed by it and the state
29 department of health may make such inspections as are necessary of facilities and equipment
30 of funeral establishments to ensure compliance with safety and sanitary rules adopted by the
31 board or any other rules or federal regulations pertaining to funeral service whenever either

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1 deems the inspection advisable. ~~If, upon inspection, it is found that such rules are not complied~~
2 ~~with, the board shall notify the holder of the funeral establishment license and hold a hearing.~~
3 The board may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony. All proceedings
4 under this section must be conducted in accordance with chapter 28-32. The board may, after
5 a hearing, revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew a license upon good cause. A person
6 aggrieved by the action of the board may appeal to the district court of the county in which the
7 person resides or the district court of Burleigh County in accordance with chapter 28-32.