

HB 1119 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **1119**

AN ACT relative to the regulation of funeral directors.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Sen. Pearl,
Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill creates a state licensing process for the position of associate funeral director.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the regulation of funeral directors.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Embalmers and Funeral Directors. Amend RSA 325 by inserting after section
2 14 the following new section:

3 325:14-a Associate Funeral Directors.

4 No person shall engage or hold himself or herself out as engaged in being an associate funeral
5 director, unless the person:

6 I. Holds an associate funeral director's license from the office of professional licensure and
7 certification;

8 II. Has passed such examinations approved by the board to ascertain efficiency and
9 qualifications to engage in being an associate funeral director;

10 III. Has completed a funeral director certificate program approved by the board; and

11 IV. Has completed a one-year course in apprenticeship under the supervision of a duly
12 licensed or registered funeral director or embalmer.

13 2 Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Associate Funeral Director. Amend RSA 325:1, II to read
14 as follows:

15 II. "Associate funeral director" means an individual who is duly licensed~~[, by passage of a~~
16 ~~written examination, in another state and who has either secured potential employment as a funeral~~
17 ~~director or has committed to the purchase of an existing funeral home in this state upon licensure]~~
18 **under RSA 325:14-a.**

19 3 Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Rulemaking Authority. Amend the introductory
20 paragraph of RSA 325:9, II to read as follows:

21 II. The qualifications of applicants in addition to those requirements set by RSA 325:13 [~~and~~
22 ~~14~~], **RSA 325:14, and RSA 325:14-a**, and including the qualifications for satisfactory evidence of:

23 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.