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HOUSE BILL

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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

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ANALYSIS

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

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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 22:1 New Section; Embalmers and Funeral Directors. Amend RSA 325 by inserting after section 14  
2 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 licensed  
12 or registered funeral director or embalmer.

13 22:2 Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Associate Funeral Director. Amend RSA 325:1, II to read as  
14 follows:

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

19 22:3 Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Rulemaking Authority. Amend the introductory paragraph of  
20 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 14]~~,  
22 ***RSA 325:14, and RSA 325:14-a,*** and including the qualifications for satisfactory evidence of:

22:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 03, 2026  
Effective Date: June 02, 2026