
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JULY 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the better
3 protection of life and health of the citizens of this
4 Commonwealth by requiring and regulating the examination,
5 licensure and registration of persons and registration of
6 corporations engaging in the care, preparation and
7 disposition of the bodies of deceased persons, and providing
8 penalties; providing for a State Board of Funeral Directors
9 in the Department of State, and repealing other laws,"
10 further providing for administration.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 16 of the act of January 14, 1952 (1951
14 P.L.1898, No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, amended
15 December 22, 1983 (P.L.354, No.88), is amended to read:

16 Section 16. Duties of Board.--(a) The board shall be
17 charged with the enforcement of this act. It shall be empowered
18 to formulate necessary rules and regulations not inconsistent
19 with this act for the proper conduct of the business or
20 profession of funeral directing and as may be deemed necessary
21 or proper to safeguard the interests of the public and the
22 standards of the profession. Regulations under this section

1 shall ensure accommodation for an individual with a disability.

2 (b) The board shall appoint an inspector or inspectors whose
3 title shall be "Inspector, State Board of Funeral Directors,
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." Such inspectors shall be licensed
5 funeral directors who have been actively engaged in the practice
6 of such profession for at least ten years. Inspectors shall hold
7 office at the pleasure of the board, and shall receive such
8 compensation as shall be fixed by the board with the approval of
9 the department. Inspectors shall be empowered to serve all
10 processes and papers of the board, and shall have the right of
11 entry into any place, where the business or profession of
12 funeral directing is carried on or advertised as being carried
13 on, for the purpose of inspection and for the investigation of
14 complaints coming before the board and for such other matters as
15 the board may direct.

16 (c) The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and
17 shall maintain a register of the names and addresses of all
18 persons applying for and those receiving licenses and
19 registration cards under this or any prior act. Such register
20 shall be open to public inspection.

21 (d) The board shall submit annually to the department and to
22 the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, fifteen days
23 after the Governor has submitted his budget to the General
24 Assembly, a copy of the budget request for the upcoming fiscal
25 year which the board previously submitted to the department.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.