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Senate Bill 137

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to funeral service education; amending ORS 692.190.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 692.190 is amended to read:

692.190. (1) An individual who wishes to engage as an apprentice shall apply to the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board for registration as a funeral service practitioner apprentice or an embalmer apprentice upon a form provided by the board. The individual must consent to a background check, including information solicited from the Department of State Police. The application must be accompanied by the fee established under ORS 692.160.

(2) One funeral service practitioner apprentice at a time is authorized to operate under or in connection with each licensed funeral service practitioner practicing in this state for the purpose of learning the functions of a funeral service practitioner.

(3) One embalmer apprentice at a time is authorized to engage in the study of the art of embalming under the instruction and supervision of each licensed embalmer practicing in this state.

(4) The duration of an apprenticeship required for licensure is:

- (a) Twelve months for a funeral service practitioner apprentice.
- (b) Twelve months for an embalmer apprentice.

(5) [A *person*] **An individual** may serve as a funeral service practitioner apprentice for an aggregate total of not more than 48 months. In computing time under this subsection, the board shall exclude time lost by interruptions caused by active duty of the apprentice in the military service of the United States or its allies during war or national emergency and by interruptions that the board finds are excusable under rules of the board.

(6) An embalmer apprentice may serve the apprenticeship concurrently with the funeral service practitioner apprenticeship.

(7) [A *person*] **An individual** may serve as an embalmer apprentice for an aggregate total of not more than 48 months. In computing time under this subsection, the board shall exclude time lost by interruptions caused by active duty of the apprentice in the military service of the United States or its allies during war or national emergency and by interruptions that the board finds are excusable under rules of the board.

(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a licensed funeral service practitioner or a licensed embalmer may serve as a preceptor for not more than three students serving

a funeral service internship in accordance with guidelines established by an accredited funeral service education program.

(b) A student serving an internship in a program that covers both funeral service and embalming must be supervised by a practitioner who has a combination funeral service practitioner and embalmer license.

(9) The board shall adopt rules under which the board may confer credit for apprenticeship service or its equivalency performed by:

- (a) An applicant in another state; or
- (b) An applicant whose license or certificate of apprenticeship has lapsed.

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