

Senate Bill 137

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Clarifies that student serving internship that covers both funeral service and embalming must be supervised by practitioner with combination funeral service practitioner and embalmer license.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to funeral service education; amending ORS 692.190.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 692.190 is amended to read:

5 692.190. (1) An individual who wishes to engage as an apprentice shall apply to the State
6 Mortuary and Cemetery Board for registration as a funeral service practitioner apprentice or an
7 embalmer apprentice upon a form provided by the board. The individual must consent to a back-
8 ground check, including information solicited from the Department of State Police. The application
9 must be accompanied by the fee established under ORS 692.160.

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

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

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

16 (a) Twelve months for a funeral service practitioner apprentice.

17 (b) Twelve months for an embalmer apprentice.

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

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

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

30 (8)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a licensed funeral service practi-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 tioner or a licensed embalmer may serve as a preceptor for not more than three students serving
2 a funeral service internship in accordance with guidelines established by an accredited funeral ser-
3 vice education program.

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

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

9 (a) An applicant in another state; or

10 (b) An applicant whose license or certificate of apprenticeship has lapsed.

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