

ness, employment or office, and before any person, co-partnership or corporation now so engaged in said business of undertaking in this State, and before any member of any such co-partnership, assistant or employe of any such person, co-partnership or corporation or officer of such corporation whose duties now engage him or her in the care, preparation, disposition or burial of the dead, who shall have failed to register with the said board in accordance with section 236, shall then continue in such business such person, co-partnership or corporation, members of such co-partnerships and all assistants and employes of any such person, co-partnerships or corporations and officers of such corporations, whose duties engage him or her in the care, preparation, disposition or burial of the dead, shall apply by petition to the said board for a license to practice the same, which petition shall state whether said applicant purposes to practice said business as a principal or as an assistant or employe; thereupon the applicant as aforesaid shall present himself or herself before said board at a time and place to be fixed by said board, and if the said board shall find, upon due examination, that the applicant is over twenty-one years of age and has been employed at least two years prior to said application by some person, firm or corporation actively engaged in the work of practical embalming and undertaking and is of good moral character, possessed of skill and knowledge of the said business, and has a reasonable knowledge of sanitation, preservation of the dead, disinfecting the body of a deceased person, the apartment, clothing and bedding in case of death resulting from infectious or contagious disease, the board shall issue to said applicant, upon the payment of a fee of twenty dollars, a license to practice said business of undertaking in the State of Maryland, and shall register such applicant as a duly licensed principal or assistant undertaker in accordance with his or her application; provided, however, that said board may issue such a license to any person between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years, at its discretion; and provided, however, that such license shall be issued to a corporation upon application therefor; and provided further that one license, as required by this section and section 239, shall suffice for all the members of a co-partnership when issued in the firm name, such license shall be signed by a majority of the board and attested by its seal, and shall state whether it be a principal's or assistant's license; no person holding an assistant's or employe's license shall be permitted thereunder to engage in or carry on the business of undertaking as a principal, and before any person holding an assistant's or employe's license shall be entitled to a principal's license, he shall apply for the same by petition to said board, who shall grant the same under such rules and regulations respecting said applicant's qualifications and character as may be prescribed by said board; all persons, co-partnerships and corporations, immediately upon receiving the license provided in this section and section 239, or the certificate of registration as provided in section 236, shall cause a copy of such license or certificate of registration to be filed in the office of the local board of health of Maryland in the respec-