

SEC 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 23, 1945.

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CHAPTER 741.

(Senate Bill 615)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 345 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Undertakers," relating to licenses to funeral directors who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and authorizing the formation of corporations to conduct the business of such licensees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 345 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Undertakers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

345. The provisions of this sub-title shall not be construed as preventing the conducting the business or profession of Funeral Directing by a corporation heretofore licensed, if such corporation is registered by and conforms with such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe with relation thereto; and hereafter no corporation shall be permitted to operate any branch establishment unless it is in operation at the time of the passage of this Act.

The Board shall not hereafter issue licenses to, nor register any corporation, nor shall any corporation be permitted to conduct the business or profession of Funeral Directing which has not already been licensed and registered.

Provided, however, that a corporation may be formed during World War II to carry on the business of any person who was licensed as a funeral director and was engaged in the business or profession of funeral directing or embalming at the time of induction into the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and it shall be the duty of the Board, on application filed by such person during World War II, to register and issue a license to such corporation, and said corporation, so long as it is owned and operated by the members of the immediate family, including father, mother, wife or widow, brother,