

relating generally to the occupation of funeral director and embalmer in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 345 to 363, inclusive, and Section 366 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "Health", subtitle "Funeral Directors and Embalmers", be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 345 to 361, inclusive, are hereby enacted to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, to read as follows:*

345. Qualifications.

Any applicant for licensing as a funeral director and embalmer must be a person of good moral character, twenty-one years of age or over, and free from habits liable to interfere with the performance of the duties of funeral director and embalmer. He must have had at least two years' practical experience as an apprentice funeral director and embalmer, under a licensed funeral director and embalmer in this State. As an apprentice he must have assisted at not fewer than twenty funerals and must have assisted in embalming not fewer than twenty dead bodies. He must also have registered as an apprentice with the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers of Maryland at the time he began his apprenticeship; and he must have a high school education or the equivalent thereof and must be a graduate of a regular recognized college of embalming whose course of instruction is not less than nine months comprising 840 hours of study.

346. Applications and Fees.

A person desiring to be examined and licensed for the occupation of funeral director and embalmer shall apply to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and submit the sum of \$100 to the Board as an examination fee. For the payment of one examination fee an applicant shall be entitled to two examinations and no more. The examination shall be held once annually at a time and place to be fixed by the Board.

347. Examinations and Fees.

(a) The Board shall examine the applicant as to the proper sanitation and disinfection of the clothing and bedding of persons dying from infectious or contagious diseases and of the premises in which they died. The examination also shall cover theoretically and practically the subjects of anatomy, sanitation, disinfection, embalming and the caring for and preparing of burial and shipment of dead human bodies. The examination shall also relate to laws and regulations on contagious, infectious and communicable diseases. It shall also cover the laws of this State, both general and local concerning burials and burial permits; and the examination shall cover such other subjects as the Board may deem necessary and proper.

(b) The Board shall issue a license to carry on the business of funeral director and embalmer in the State of Maryland to any applicant who passes this examination. The granting of the license is subject to the prior payment of a fee of \$10 therefor. The name