license.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 43 — Health Section 345 Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 345 of Article 43 — Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 43 - Health

345.

- (A) Any applicant for licensing as a funeral director and embalmer must be a person of good moral character, eighteen 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.]
- (B) AN APPLICANT MUST REGISTER AS AN APPRENTICE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS AT THE TIME HE BEGINS HIS APPRENTICESHIP. DURING THE COURSE OF APPRENTICESHIP, THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE TWO YEARS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A ONE—YEAR COURSE OF STUDY AT A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OF EMBALMING, AS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS, OR TWO YEARS SUCH STUDY IN A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OF EMBALMING AND ONE YEAR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. DURING THE APPRENTICESHIP THE APPLICANT MUST ASSIST IN EMBALMING NOT LESS THAN 20 BODIES AND PARTICIPATE IN NOT LESS THAN 20 FUNERALS.