

the "practice of mortuary science". The intent of this wording is to preserve whatever common law rights presently may exist for individuals to use alternative disposition procedures. The issue and the proposed resolution are called to the attention of the General Assembly.

#### Registration.

The present provisions of Art. 43 that govern the practice of mortuary science provide that the Board shall "register" all licensees, and that apprentices must be "registered" to practice in this State. The statutes then provide for periodic reregistration of apprentices, i.e., periodic registration renewal. On analysis, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code has found that these provisions serve no substantive purpose that could not be accomplished more directly by the pattern followed under Art. 43 for the licensing of most other health occupations. That pattern requires that the practitioner have a license and renew the license periodically. Moreover, the references to registration and reregistration may mislead a practitioner by implying that the practitioner's license is fundamentally different from the license held by any of the other health practitioners who practice under statutes without references to registration.

It is a precept of the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code to revise the law in a clear, straightforward manner, and once something is said, to say it the same way each time it is said. To obtain clarity and consistency and to avoid the superfluous and misleading aspects of the present references, throughout this title, all references to the requirement that a practitioner must be registered are deleted and references to periodic license renewal are substituted for all references to periodic reregistration. These are changes in form only; no change in substance is intended.

#### Deletion.

Present Art. 43, § 367, which concerns the severability of the provisions of this Title, is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art. 1, § 23 of the Code.

### TITLE 7. NURSES.

#### SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

##### 7-101. DEFINITIONS.

###### (A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as the introductory paragraph of Art. 43, § 291.