

This bill alters the requirements on an applicant for a mortician apprentice license. The bill reduces, from four to two, the maximum number of years an applicant for a mortician license may work as a mortician apprentice. The bill also reduces, from three to two, the number of times an apprentice license may be renewed.

House Bill 366, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 354.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 354

AN ACT concerning

Morticians License Licenses

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that specifies certain educational requirements for an applicant for an apprentice license; requiring that, prior to an individual appearing before the State Board of Morticians for approval of an apprentice license, certain educational requirements be completed; altering a provision that restricts the number of years that an applicant for a mortician license may serve as a licensed apprentice; providing a certain ground for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or the reprimand of a licensee; authorizing the Board, the Attorney General, or a State's Attorney to bring a certain action to enjoin certain activities; requiring that a certain action be brought in a certain county; ~~requiring sellers of pre-need contracts to annually have the seller's accounts audited certified by certain public accountants; requiring that sellers of pre-need contracts submit to the Board a certain annual qualified audit certificate by a certain date;~~ requiring that, after cremation, a licensee ensure that a plastic identification tag be placed in a certain container; reducing the amount of time that an applicant for a mortician license may spend as an apprentice; and generally relating to licensed morticians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 7-303(b)(2), 7-306, ~~7-314(e)~~, 7-316(a)(29) and (30), and 7-411(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 7-316(a)(31) and 7-316.1, ~~and 7-405(g)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: