

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

Article - Health Occupations

7-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of 12 members.

(2) Of the 12 Board members:

(i) 8 shall be licensed morticians or licensed funeral directors; and

(ii) 4 shall be consumer members.

(3) All Board members shall be residents of the State.

(4) The Governor shall appoint each member with the advice of the Secretary, and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(5) ~~THE BOARD MAY NOT CONSIST OF TWO OR MORE MEMBERS~~ HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEMBER WHO ARE IS EMPLOYED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE SAME CORPORATION, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER ENTITY, THAT OWNS, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER ENTITY, ONE OR MORE FUNERAL HOMES.

(b) (1) Each mortician member shall:

(i) Be a licensed mortician whose license is in good standing with the Board; and

(ii) Have practiced mortuary science actively for at least 5 years immediately before appointment.

(2) In this subsection, "good standing" means that the Board has not reprimanded the licensee, suspended, or revoked the mortician's license or placed the licensee on probation within 5 years' time prior to or after confirmation to the Board.

(3) To qualify for appointment to the Board, the licensee must meet all other qualifications required for renewal of a mortician license under this title.

(c) (1) Each funeral director member shall:

(i) Be a licensed funeral director whose license is in good standing with the Board; and

(ii) Have practiced funeral direction actively for at least 5 years immediately before appointment.

(2) In this subsection, "good standing" means that the Board has not reprimanded the licensee, suspended, or revoked the funeral director's license or placed the licensee on probation within 5 years' time prior to or after confirmation to the Board.