

(2) except for the practical experience of embalming, to become licensed as a funeral director under this Act, an individual shall complete all of the education, examination, and experience requirements required to become licensed as a mortician.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007. ~~Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 186

(House Bill 457)

AN ACT concerning

### Health Occupations - ~~Morticians~~ Exemption and Permit Funeral Director Licenses

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain licensing requirements for practicing mortuary science do not limit the Maryland State Board of Morticians from issuing a permit to certain designees to handle, transport, and work with a dead human body in performing certain religious services without a mortician's license; subjecting certain designees to conditions and limitations the Board may specify; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; exempting certain apprentices from assisting with embalming if a certain affidavit is submitted to the Board; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to exceptions to the Maryland Morticians Act~~ renaming the State Board of Morticians to be the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; requiring that an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice funeral direction in this State; requiring the Board to establish certain qualifications, examinations, and experience requirements for licensing funeral directors; requiring that certain practical examinations, competency demonstrations, and practical experience do not include embalming; requiring that applicants for certain apprentice licenses have certain sponsors; repealing certain renewal provisions for funeral directors licensed before a certain date; altering certain definitions; establishing certain legislative intent; and generally relating to funeral directors.