

Chapter 249

(House Bill 463)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Funeral Establishment
Licenses – Ownership and Operation Requirements**

FOR the purpose of altering the criteria to be used by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors when issuing a funeral establishment license so as to require that the funeral establishment be owned and operated in accordance with certain provisions of law by a certain individual ~~or~~, a certain group of individuals, or a holder of a certain license or operated in accordance with certain provisions of law by a holder of a certain license; and generally relating to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, funeral establishment licenses, and ownership and operation requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health Occupations
 Section 7–310(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health Occupations

7–310.

(c) The Board shall issue a funeral establishment license to a funeral establishment that:

- (1) Has complied with all applicable State and local laws; and
- (2) Will be [owned]:

(I) **OWNED** and operated in accordance with this title by [at least one] **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OR A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL IS:**

- [(i)] 1. [Licensed] **A LICENSED** mortician;
- [(ii)] 2. [Licensed] **A LICENSED** funeral director; OR

[(iii)] **3.** [Holder] **A HOLDER** of a surviving spouse license; ~~OR~~

~~[(iv)] **4.** [Holder] **A HOLDER** of a corporation license; or~~

(II) OWNED AND OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE BY A HOLDER OF A CORPORATION LICENSE; OR

[(v)] ~~(II)~~ (III) [Holder] **OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE BY A HOLDER** of an executor license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.