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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 439
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 3, after “of” insert “increasing the cap on the number of years that an applicant for a mortician or funeral director license may spend as an apprentice, except under certain circumstances, to be issued a license; requiring certain applicants and licensed apprentices to submit to the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors a certain letter;”; in line 4, strike “Maryland State”; in the same line, strike “of Morticians and Funeral Directors”; in line 9, after “hours;” insert “making this Act an emergency measure;”; and in line 13, after “Section” insert “7-303(b) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“7-303.

(b) The Board shall examine all applications for licensure for the practice of mortuary science or funeral direction and shall issue the mortician or funeral director license to an individual who:

(1) Is judged to be of good moral character;

(2) Has completed not less than 1 year and not more than [2] 4 years of licensed apprenticeship, unless the Board allowed extensions for additional 1-year terms;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, has graduated with an associate of arts degree in mortuary science or its equivalent from a school accredited

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by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or approved by the Board, or has acquired at least an associate of arts degree and completed a course in mortuary science that is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or approved by the Board;

(4) For an individual applying for a license to practice as a mortician, passed the national board examination administered by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States;

(5) For an individual applying for a license to practice as a funeral director, passed the arts and sciences State board examinations, administered by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States;

(6) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, has passed a written examination on Maryland law and regulations governing the practice of mortuary science and a practical examination demonstrating competency in the preparation of dead human bodies for final disposition and sanitary science; and

(7) Has submitted an application to the Board on the required form and has paid a fee set by the Board.”.

On page 2, in line 9, after “(c)” insert “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “pay” and substitute “:

(I) PAY”;

in line 10, after “Board” insert “**;AND**

(II) SUBMIT A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS ENROLLED THAT:

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- 1. INCLUDES THE SEAL OF THE SCHOOL; AND**
- 2. VERIFIES THAT THE APPLICANT IS ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM”;**

after line 10, insert:

“(2) WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, A LICENSED APPRENTICE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE LICENSED APPRENTICE IS ENROLLED THAT:

- (I) INCLUDES THE SEAL OF THE SCHOOL; AND**
- (II) VERIFIES THAT THE LICENSED APPRENTICE IS ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.”;**

in line 11, strike “AN” and substitute “**BEFORE AN**”; in the same line, strike the third bracket; in the same line, strike “appearing” and substitute “**APPEARS**”; strike beginning with “must” in line 12 down through the bracket in line 13; in line 15, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 16 down through “**LICENSE**” in line 17 and substitute “**, IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A GRADE POINT AVERAGE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 19 and 20 and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.