

Chapter 231

(Senate Bill 335)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Funeral Establishments – Preparation and Holding Rooms

FOR the purpose of establishing that a funeral establishment that uses a central preparation room at another funeral establishment is not required to have its own preparation room or holding room; and generally relating to funeral establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 7–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

7–310.

(a) (1) A funeral establishment shall be licensed by the Board before the establishment may be used for the preparation of the remains, viewing, and conducting of services.

(2) The licensee may be restricted to operations as determined by the Board.

(b) (1) To apply for a funeral establishment license, an applicant shall:

- (i) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires; and
- (ii) Pay to the Board:
 - 1. An application fee set by the Board; and
 - 2. The fee established under § 7–4A–05(a) of this title.

(2) An application for a funeral establishment license shall be signed by a licensed individual who is not an apprentice but is the owner or co-owner of the establishment to be licensed.

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

(1) Has complied with all applicable State and local laws;

(2) Will be owned and operated in accordance with this title by at least one licensed mortician or one licensed funeral director, or a holder of a surviving spouse or corporation license; and

(3) Will be held responsible for any and all activities performed on the premises.

(d) Signs and advertisements of a funeral establishment shall display the name that appears on the establishment license.

(E) A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT THAT USES A CENTRAL PREPARATION ROOM AT ANOTHER FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE ITS OWN PREPARATION ROOM OR HOLDING ROOM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.