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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 106

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in the sponsor line, strike “and Pena–Melnyk” and substitute “, Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Barron, Bhandari, Carr, Charles, Chisholm, Cullison, Hill, Johnson, Kelly, Kerr, Kipke, R. Lewis, Reilly, Rosenberg, Sample–Hughes, Szeliga, and K. Young”; 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;

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(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 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 “:

(1) 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:

- 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:

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“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.”