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A BILL ENTITLED

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Health Occupations - Morticians and Funeral Directors - Apprenticeships

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain education requirement for an individual appearing before the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors for approval 4 5 of an apprentice license; requiring a licensed apprentice who was enrolled in a 6 mortuary science program at the time the license was granted to be enrolled in the 7 program for the duration of the apprenticeship unless the licensed apprentice 8 graduates; clarifying that the practical experience of an apprentice is required to 9 include at least a certain number of working hours; and generally relating to apprenticeships under the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. 10
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Health Occupations
- 13 Section 7–306
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

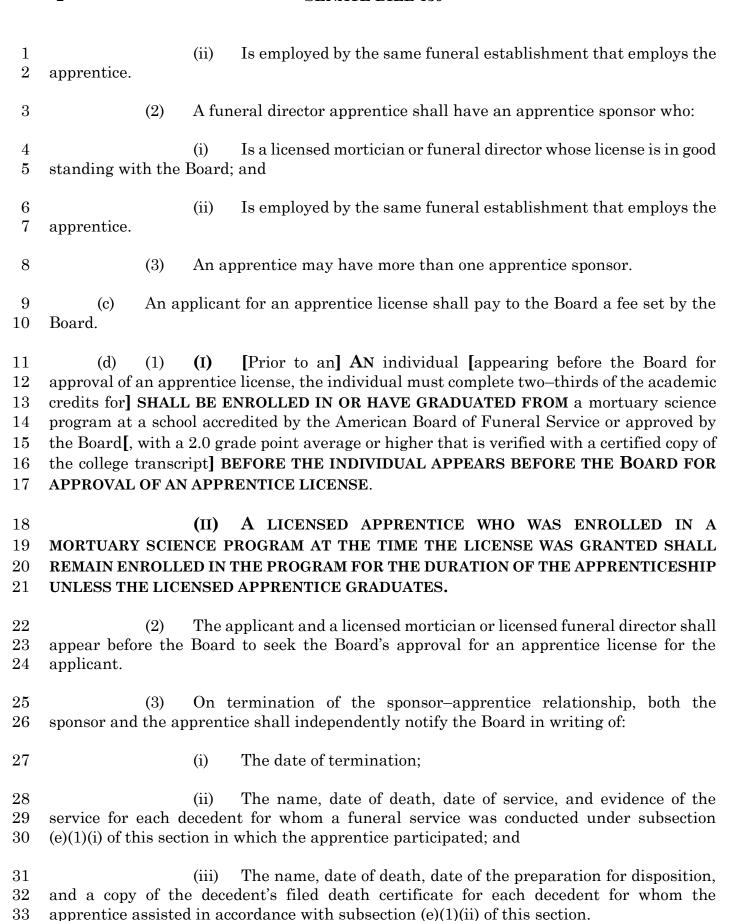
18 Article – Health Occupations

- 19 7–306.
- 20 (a) An individual shall obtain an apprentice license from the Board before 21 beginning an apprenticeship in this State.
- 22 (b) (1) A mortician apprentice shall have an apprentice sponsor who:
- 23 (i) Is a licensed mortician whose license is in good standing with the

24 Board; and



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- Prior approval must be granted by the Board before a change of 1 **(4)** 2 sponsorship occurs. 3 The practical experience of an apprentice shall include: (e) (1) 4 (i) Participation in at least 20 funerals; 5 Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, assistance (ii) 6 in the preparation and embalming of at least 20 dead human bodies for final disposition; 7 and 8 (iii) Completion of AT LEAST 1,000 working hours in a licensed 9 funeral establishment under the direct supervision of the apprentice sponsor. 10 For an apprentice funeral director, the practical experience under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection may not include embalming. 11 12 For purposes of paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, direct supervision 13 may include instruction by a licensed mortician or funeral director employed or supervised by the apprentice sponsor that is observed in person by the apprentice sponsor. 14 15 While the license is effective, an apprentice license authorizes the licensee to
- 18 director.

 10 SECTION 2 AND RE IT EURTHER ENACTED That this Act shall take effect

assist a licensed mortician or funeral director in the practice of mortuary science or funeral

direction only as part of a training program to become a licensed mortician or funeral

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19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 2020.