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CHAPTER 376.

AN ACT to amend sections 156.01, 156.02, 156.03, subsections (1) and (2) of section 156.04 and subsection (1) of section 156.07, and to create subsection (5) of section 156.04, and section 156.066 and subsection (3) of section 156.07 of the statutes, relating to embalmers and funeral directors and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 156.01, 156.02, 156.03, subsections (1) and (2) of section 156.04 and subsection (1) of section 156.07 of the statutes are amended to read: 156.01 The state board of health is authorized to determine the qualifications necessary to enable one to properly embalm human corpses and disinfect the premises, in addition to those required by section 156.02. No person shall embalm a corpse without license from the board, nor shall he advertise, practice or pretend to practice embalming. Upon request the presence of a female shall be permitted in cases of a female corpse. *The practice of embalming is defined as the introduction into the organs or cavities of a dead human body, by vascular or hypodermic injection, of any chemical substances, fluids or gas used for the purpose of preservation or disinfection.*

156.02 Application shall be in writing, on blanks prescribed by the board, accompanied by a *photograph of applicant, and * * * ten dollars*, and proof that the applicant is of good moral character, a *citizen of the United States*, twenty-one years of age or over, has an education equivalent to graduation from * * * *high school*, and has had either at least two years' practical experience in embalming and disinfecting under a licensed embalmer, or at least * * * *six months* of practical experience in embalming and disinfecting under a licensed embalmer, and has * * * *a diploma of graduation* from a school of embalming which requires as a prerequisite to graduation the completion of a course of study of not less than * * * *twenty-four weeks* duration, approved by the state board of health; provided, that any school of embalming situated within the State of Wisconsin, and having been in existence and operation in said state for at least five years immediately preceding

the passage of this act, and giving a course of thorough instruction on the subjects of anatomy, bacteriology, autopsy, chemistry, professional embalming, funeral directing and public health for a period of at least * * * *twenty-four* weeks, consisting of * * * *six hundred sixty* hours of instruction, and complying with the rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of health for the conducting of embalming schools, shall be approved by the state board of health as an accredited school.

156.03 Embalmers' examinations shall be held at least once a year at time and place fixed by the board, and be conducted by the board or a member. At least fifteen days prior thereto, the secretary shall mail notice thereof to all unlicensed undertakers known to him *at their last known addresses*. *The state board of health shall appoint a committee of three licensed embalmers of the State of Wisconsin to assist the board in conducting examinations. This committee shall hold office during the pleasure of the board and any member may be removed by the state board of health for cause. Each member of the committee shall receive a compensation of ten dollars per day and all necessary expenses for each day of actual service rendered. The state board of health and committee of examiners shall appoint one field educator who shall be a licensed embalmer in good standing and have had at least five years of practical experience in embalming dead human bodies. Such field educator may enter any mortuary, funeral home or undertaking establishment at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection, and shall be paid a salary and necessary expenses fixed by the board out of the appropriation made by subsection (6) of section 20.43. The position of field educator shall be exempt from the operation of the civil service law.*

(156.04) (1) To applicants passing the examination, licenses shall be issued, signed by president and secretary of the board and * * * *the chairman of the committee of examiners, with the seal of the board affixed.*

(2) The license may be renewed, by application within thirty days preceding expiration, on blanks prescribed by the board and payment of * * * *four* dollars, and by like application within thirty days after expiration, and payment of * * * *five* dollars. *When a licensed embalmer shall have failed to renew his license within one year from date of expiration, he may be reinstated upon the payment of a license renewal fee of five dollars for each year during which said license has lapsed.*

(156.07) (1) Any person violating this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board relating to its subject matter, shall be fined not less than * * * *fifty* nor more than * * * *two hundred* dollars, or imprisoned not less than * * * *thirty days* nor more than * * * *three months*.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 156.04, a new section is added to the statutes, and a new subsection is added to section 156.07 of the statutes to read: (156.04) (5) Where a licensee from another state makes application to be admitted to practice without examination, he shall satisfy the board that he has the qualifications required of all Wisconsin licensees and shall submit such proof as the board may require that his qualifications are at least equal to those of persons practicing this profession in this state.

156.066 The state board of health shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations respecting the transportation of the dead, the preparation and embalming of the dead and necessary sanitary regulations governing all mortuaries, funeral homes and undertaking establishments.

(156.07) (3) The board shall have power to revoke any license granted by it for unprofessional conduct, fraud in obtaining the license, misrepresentation of any kind, or the paying of a commission to any person either directly or indirectly for the purpose of obtaining authority to dispose of dead human bodies.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 31, 1930.

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CHAPTER 377.

AN ACT to appropriate sums of money therein named to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad company and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company to satisfy judgments for costs against the state.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the general fund to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad company the sum of forty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, and to the