2007 SENATE BILL 229


AN ACT to renumber and amend 445.06; and to create 445.06 (2) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes; relating to: continuing education requirements for certain funeral directors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a licensed funeral director must apply for a renewal license every two years. In order to obtain a renewal license, the funeral director must pay a fee and, with the exception of licensees that have not finished two years of licensure, submit to the Funeral Directors Examining Board proof of completion of 15 hours of continuing education. This bill exempts a person who has at least 40 years of experience as a licensed funeral director from the continuing education requirement.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 445.06 of the statutes is renumbered 445.06 (1) and amended to read:

445.06 (1) The renewal date and renewal fee for a funeral directors’ license are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a). Before any renewal license is delivered to any
licensed funeral director, proof must be furnished by the applicant, to the satisfaction
of the examining board, that the applicant is doing business at a recognized funeral
establishment, except that if such applicant is not doing business at a recognized
funeral establishment at the time of application for a license, the applicant shall be
given a certificate, without additional cost, to the effect that the applicant is in good
standing as a funeral director, and shall be entitled to a renewal license at any time
during that license period, when located at a recognized funeral establishment,
without payment of any additional renewal fee. The Except as provided in sub. (2),
the applicant must also furnish proof of completion of at least 15 hours of continuing
education during the previous 2-year licensure period, except that new,

(2) (a) New licensees are exempt from this requirement during the time
between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure period.

SECTION 2. 445.06 (2) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are created to read:

445.06 (2) (intro.) The examining board shall exempt all of the following from
the continuing education requirements of sub. (1):

(b) An applicant for a renewal license who demonstrates to the satisfaction of
the examining board that he or she has 40 or more years of experience as a licensed
funeral director.

(END)