Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD	:	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 20 - 045	
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

This rule project makes several updates to chs. FD 1 and FD 4 in light of 2019 Wisconsin Act 137. FD 1 regarding funeral director and apprentice credentialing are revised to reflect that 24 semester credits of college are now required for licensure instead of 2 academic years. No changes are made to the required course subject matter. The requirement for certification as an apprentice that the 16-hour certification course be taken regardless of whether the applicant has completed mortuary school, is also removed. The certification class will no longer be required for apprenticeship applicants who have already completed mortuary school.

Finally, the continuing education requirements in FD 4 are revised to reflect that in the first biennium following licensure as a funeral director, the licensee will be required to complete 4 hours of continuing education that the board has deemed necessary to prepare a new licensee for practice.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board held a public hearing on November 17, 2020. The Board did not receive any written or verbal comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Funeral Directors Examining Board accepts all Clearinghouse Recommendations.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A