

1379—19, 1379—20, 1379—21, 1379—22, 1379—23, 1379—24, 1379—25, 1379—26, 1379—27, 1379—28, 1379—30, chapter 43 of the laws of 1901, chapter 50 of the laws of 1901, chapter 70 of the laws of 1903, chapter 116 of the laws of 1903. Where any suit or proceeding shall be pending to determine the validity of any proceeding heretofore had, or which shall have been prosecuted to judgment adverse to such proceedings under the provisions of the statutes in this section mentioned, the provisions of this act shall not apply or in any way affect.

SECTION 46. Except as otherwise in this act provided this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT empowering the state board of health to determine the qualifications necessary to examine and license persons qualified to practice the art of embalming and to regulate the practice of embalming dead human bodies.

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

**Embalmers' license.** SECTION 1. The state board of health is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the qualifications necessary to enable any person to properly embalm dead human bodies and disinfect the premises. The said board, or some member thereof, shall examine all applicants for an embalmer's license and shall issue an embalmer's license to all persons who successfully pass such examination. No person shall embalm any dead human body, unless he or she shall hold a valid, unrevoked and unexpired license from the Wisconsin state board of health authorizing him to practice the art of embalming.

**Examination, when held.** SECTION 2. Embalmer's examination shall be held at least once a year at such times and places as the said board may designate.

**Qualifications required.** SECTION 3. No person shall be granted a license under this act, who has not practiced embalming dead human bodies for at least six months, or shall have had at least six months practical instruction in embalming and disinfecting under a licensed embalmer.

Each application for an embalmer's license shall be made in writing on blanks prescribed by the state board of health, and filed with the secretary of said board, and shall be accompanied with a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), and proof that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and of the age of twenty-one years or over.

**Licenses, how issued.** SECTION 4. The license shall be signed by the president and secretary of the state board of health and the seal of the board affixed thereto. No license shall be issued or renewed for a period exceeding one year.

**Renewals.** SECTION 5. Any person holding an embalmer's license under this act may have the same renewed, for not to exceed one year, by making and filing with the secretary of said board an application therefor within thirty days preceding the expiration of his or her license, upon blanks prescribed by the said board and upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) renewal fee; provided, however, that any person neglecting or failing to have his license renewed as above, may have the same renewed by making application therefor within thirty days after date of expiration, and upon payment of two dollars (\$2.00) revival and renewal fees.

**Record of embalmers; notices, how given.** SECTION 6. The secretary of the state board of health shall keep a record, in which shall be registered the name and business address of every person to whom an embalmer's license has been granted, and the number and date of each license and the date of each renewal thereof. In the month of January of each and every year, the secretary of said board shall supply each licensed embalmer, and the various transportation companies within this state, with a list of all embalmers holding licenses, then in force, giving the names of said persons, their business address and the number of their license. The secretary of the board shall mail notices to all unlicensed undertakers in this state known to him, at least fifteen days before any embalmer's examination is to be held, advising them of the time and place where such examination is to be conducted. It shall be the duty of the secretary

of the state board of health to prepare under the direction of said board, and cause to be printed, all blanks required by this act to be presented by the state board of health. The secretary of said board shall, at least ten days prior to the expiration of any license, mail a notice to such holder of license about to expire under this act advising him to that effect, and enclose him therewith a blank application for renewal thereof. The secretary of said board shall also mail a notice to each holder of a license under this act that has not been renewed in accord to the foregoing provisions, advising him of the expiration of his license, and the penalty for embalming dead human bodies without holding a license and the condition and terms upon which his license may be revived and renewed. All notices required to be mailed by provisions of this act shall be directed to the last known post office address of the party to whom the notice is sent.

**Fees.** SECTION 7. The secretary of the state board of health shall keep a record of all fees received and expenses paid under this act and make a report thereof at the January and June meetings of said board. The fees collected by the state board of health shall be used to defray the expenses incurred by said board in following the provisions of this act and enforcing the same.

**Penalty.** SECTION 8. Any person who shall be guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of this act, or who shall violate any rule or regulation prescribed by said board, for the preparation, embalming, shipping, or burial of any dead human body, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than sixty days.

**District attorney to prosecute.** SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county in which violation occurs, to prosecute all persons who violate the provisions of this act.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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