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CHAPTER 599.

AN ACT to repeal 156.04 (3), 156.05 (2) and 156.08 (2); to amend 156.095 (1) (a), (2) (a), (3) (a) and (4); to repeal and recreate 156.08 (1) and to create 156.045 of the statutes, relating to training and qualifications of funeral directors and embalmers.

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

SECTION 1. 156.04 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 156.045 of the statutes is created to read:

156.045 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. (1) To be eligible to take the examination for a funeral director's or embalmer's license a person must:

(a) Be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character, of temperate habits, a citizen of the United States and either be a high school graduate or have equivalent education as defined by the board.

(b) After the effective date of this section, have completed one academic year of instruction in a recognized college or university in a course of study approved by the board or have equivalent education and have satisfactorily completed 9 months' or more instruction in a prescribed course in mortuary science approved by the board and have completed one year's apprenticeship as prescribed in section 156.095.

(2) The course in mortuary science and the apprenticeship requirements may be served in any order after completion of the one year college or equivalent education requirement.

(3) The eligibility requirements set forth in subsection (1) shall not apply to:

(a) Any student to whom a certificate of apprenticeship was issued before the effective date of this section, and who satisfies the legal requirements in effect at the time of his registration;

(b) Any person who actively served in the armed forces of the United States between July 1, 1940 and the effective date of this paragraph, who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, registered with the board within 6 months of the date of discharge, and who satisfies the legal requirements in effect at the time he entered the armed forces.

SECTION 3. 156.05 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 156.08 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

156.08 (1) Any person holding a valid license as a funeral director or embalmer in another state having requirements substantially equal to those in this state may, if such state recognizes licenses issued by the Wisconsin board, apply for a license to practice in this state by filing with the board a certified statement from the secretary of the examining board of the state in which the applicant holds a license, showing the qualifications upon which said license was granted, together with his recommendation. Thereupon the board may upon the recommendation of the committee of examiners and payment of the required fee issue such license.

SECTION 5. 156.08 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 6. 156.095 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

156.095 (1) (a) A person desiring to become an apprentice as a funeral director or embalmer shall make application on a form provided for the purpose and must appear before a member of the board, or a member of the committee, or any duly appointed representative of said board and committee; if however, any doubt exists as to the qualifications of the applicant, said application shall be submitted to the entire board and committee, or a subcommittee thereof duly appointed by the board and may be accepted or rejected by a majority vote of the board and committee or said subcommittee. The application shall state that the applicant is over 18 years of age, of temperate habits, of good moral character, a citizen of the United States, and holds a high school diploma or possesses equivalent education as defined by the board *and has completed one academic year of instruction in a recognized college or university in a course of study approved by the board or has equivalent education.* Such application must be substantiated by the oath of the applicant and be accompanied by a fee of \$5. When the board is satisfied as to the qualification of an applicant for apprenticeship, they shall instruct the secretary to issue a certificate of apprenticeship. When the apprentice enters the employment of a licensed embalmer or funeral director, he shall immediately notify the secretary of the board, giving the name and place of business of the embalmer or funeral director whose service he has entered. If, at any time thereafter, such apprentice leaves the employ of the licensed embalmer or funeral director whose service he has entered, it shall be the duty of such licensed embalmer or funeral director to give such an apprentice an affidavit showing the length of time he has served as an apprentice with him, and the work he has done in detail, which affidavit shall be filed with the secretary of the board and made a matter of record in that office. If such apprentice shall thereafter enter the employ of another licensed embalmer or funeral director in this state, he shall forthwith report such employment to the secretary.

SECTION 7. 156.095 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

156.095 (2) (a) Every registered apprentice, before being eligible to take the examination for a funeral director's license shall make report to the state board and committee, on blanks furnished for that purpose, showing that he has assisted a licensed funeral director in conducting at least * * * 25 funerals and has assisted a licensed funeral director, under whom he is serving in preparing, for burial or disposition other than by embalming, at least * * * 25 dead human bodies; and shall furnish such other information as the board or committee may require. Such reports must give the name of the deceased in each instance and the date and place where the funeral was held or other service performed and shall be certified as otherwise provided in sections 156.01 to 156.17.

SECTION 8. 156.095 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

156.095 (3) (a) Every registered apprentice for an embalmer, before being eligible to take the examination for license, shall make report to the state board and committee, on blanks furnished for that purpose, showing that he has assisted a licensed embalmer, under whom he is serving, in the embalming of at least * * * 25 bodies, and shall furnish such other information as the board or committee may require. Such reports must give the name of the deceased in each instance and the place and time when the work was performed, and shall be certified as otherwise provided in sections 156.01 to 156.17.

SECTION 9. 156.095 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

156.095 (4) Before such apprentice shall be eligible to receive a license to practice embalming or funeral directing, he shall present, in connection with the other evidence required by sections 156.01 to 156.17, affidavits from the several licensed embalmers or licensed funeral directors under whom he shall have worked, showing that he has assisted in embalming for burial or shipment, at least * * * 25 bodies, if an embalmer's apprentice; or that he has assisted a licensed funeral director in preparing * * * 25 dead human bodies for burial or transportation (other than by embalming) and assisted in at least * * * 25 funeral services, during his apprenticeship, if a funeral director's apprentice. This work must all have been done within 4 years from the date of registering as an apprentice. Provided, however, that such time may be extended by the board and committee for good cause shown, not to exceed one additional year. The provisions of this section shall be suspended for such period as a registered apprentice may be an active member of the military or naval forces of the United States.

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