

CHAPTER 115

(HB 429)

AN ACT relating to continuing education for embalmers and funeral directors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 316.130 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No license granted under this chapter shall be issued or renewed for a period exceeding one (1) year. Every license and renewal shall expire on July 31 following the date of its issuance unless sooner revoked, surrendered, or canceled.
- (2) A person may renew an embalmer's license or a funeral director's license by paying to the board a renewal fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the board.
- (3) Except for the first licensure renewal following the issuance of an original license by the board, as a prerequisite for license renewal, every Kentucky-licensed embalmer and every Kentucky-licensed funeral director shall ~~], during each licensure year,~~ attend a minimum of **twelve (12) hours every two (2) years** ~~four (4) hours~~ in a continuing education program or programs approved by the board. ***Of these twelve (12) hours, a minimum of six (6) hours shall be attained from programs attended in a live, interactive, in-person format.*** Upon application to the board, the board may exempt a licensee from the continuing education requirements of this section if the applicant demonstrates that meeting the continuing education requirements of this section would work an undue hardship because of disability, illness, or other clearly mitigating circumstances, or if the applicant is seventy (70) years of age or older and is not actively involved in embalming or funeral directing. The board may use a portion of the annual license renewal fees for the purpose of contracting with accredited educational institutions, professional organizations, or other qualified persons to provide educational programs that meet this continuing education requirement.
- (4) A licensed funeral establishment may renew its license by paying to the board a renewal fee equal to the establishment license fee.
- (5) Any renewal not received by the board prior to July 31 will be assessed a late fee, not to exceed the amount of the renewal fee, as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the board.
- (6) A license granted under this chapter shall not be transferable.

Signed by Governor April 11, 2012.