

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

INTRODUCED BY T. WELCH

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE; AMENDING SECTION 37-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 37-19-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-19-302. License required for practice of mortuary science -- qualifications of applicants. (1)

The practice of embalming or mortuary science by anyone who does not hold a mortician's license issued by the board is prohibited. A person 18 years of age or older wishing to practice mortuary science in this state must apply to the board on the form and in the manner prescribed by the board.

(2) To qualify for a mortician's license, a person must:

(a) be of good moral character;

(b) have graduated from an accredited college or university with an associate degree in mortuary science;

~~(c) have earned in subjects prescribed by the board an additional 30 semester or 45 quarter credits from an accredited college or university that have not been applied toward the requirements in subsection (2)(b);~~

~~(d)~~(c) pass an examination prescribed by the board; and

~~(e)~~(d) serve a 1-year internship under the supervision of a licensed mortician in a licensed mortuary after passing the examination provided for in subsection ~~(2)(d)~~ (2)(c).

(3) A person who fails the examination required in subsection ~~(2)(d)~~ (2)(c) may retake it under conditions prescribed by rule of the board."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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