

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 925

By: Morgan and Shurden of the
Senate

and

Hilliard of the House

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An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 396.11, which relates
to the Funeral Services Licensing Act; modifying time
frame for renewal of apprenticeship license; adding
qualifications for renewal; and providing an
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 396.11, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 396.11 A. The term for an apprenticeship in embalming
and the term for an apprenticeship in funeral directing may be
served concurrently. Applications for an apprenticeship in funeral
directing or embalming shall be made to the Board in writing on a
form and in a manner prescribed by the Board. The Board shall issue
a certificate of apprenticeship to any person applying for said
certificate who submits to the Board satisfactory evidence that said
person is seventeen (17) years of age or older, of good moral
character, and a graduate of an accredited high school or has earned
a G.E.D. The application shall be accompanied by a registration fee
as required by Section 396.4 of this title.

B. The Board shall prescribe and enforce such rules as
necessary to qualify apprentice applicants as embalmers or funeral
directors. A license to practice embalming or funeral directing

shall not be issued until said applicant has complied with the rules of the Board, and said applicant has embalmed at least twenty-five dead human bodies for burial or shipment during apprenticeship.

~~C. An apprenticeship registration shall not be reinstated more than twice. An apprentice who fails to become a licensed funeral director or embalmer within five (5) years from the date of initial registration as an apprentice shall reapply for application for an apprenticeship as required by this section~~ The certificate of apprenticeship shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance but may be renewed by the Board for four additional one-year periods, if the individual is enrolled in and making satisfactory academic progress or has graduated from a mortuary science program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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