

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Sections 395.1, 396, 396.2, 396.2a, 396.3, 396.4, 396.5a, 396.6, 396.10, 396.11, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2002, 396.12, 396.12b, 396.12c, 396.12e, 396.12f, 396.14, 396.17, 396.18, 396.20, 396.21, 396.27 and 396.28 (59 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 396.11), which relate to the Funeral Services Licensing Act; updating short title citation; modifying name of the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors; modifying and adding definitions; expanding powers of the Oklahoma Funeral Board; modifying education and curriculum approval process; modifying amount of certain fees; modifying process for setting fees; adding certain fee; modifying payment date for certain renewal fees; exempting examinations and records from the Open Records Act; clarifying certain notification process; requiring continuing education as a condition of renewal of a license; providing exceptions to the continuing education requirement; requiring certain license to operate a crematory; clarifying publication requirements for changes in rules; modifying conditions under which a certificate of apprenticeship may be renewed; clarifying funeral establishment business prohibitions; modifying conditions for issuance, renewal, revocation, or suspension of licenses; modifying hearing date requirement; modifying deposit of certain monies; modifying title of officers selected by the members of the Board; clarifying authority to release body for embalming; clarifying necessary precautions in handling dead human remains; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-328, 1-331 and 1-333, which relate to cremation; adding procedures for the cremation process; expanding requirements for a licensed crematory; amending 8 O.S. 2001, Section 304, which relates to the Cemetery Merchandise Trust Act; exempting certain organizations from the act; amending 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307.1, which relates to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; expanding public bodies that may hold teleconferences; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6124, which relates to prepaid funeral benefits; modifying permit requirements; repealing 59 O.S. 2001, Section 396.15, which relates to enforcement of the Funeral Services Licensing Act; repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-330, which relates to certificates of cremation; providing for codification; providing for recodification; and declaring an emergency.