

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3660

By: Dempsey of the House

and

Murdock of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
12 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, which relates
13 to definitions; modifying certain terms to include
14 natural organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
15 Section 396.3a, which relates to persons and
16 businesses required to be licensed; requiring
17 individuals engaged in cremating or natural organic
18 reduction to be licensed; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
19 Section 396.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 381,
20 O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 396.4),
21 which relates to fees; adding a fee for natural
22 organic reduction facility license or renewal;
23 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, which relates
24 to inspection of premises; allowing the Oklahoma
Funeral Board to inspect establishments that engage
in organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section
396.12c, which relates to revocation or suspension of
licenses; providing for revocation under certain
conditions for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S.
2021, Section 396.29, which relates to certain
cremation regulations; providing for the same
regulations for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S.
2021, Section 396.32, which relates to the residue
from cremated bodies; providing for regulations of
residue from organically reduced bodies; amending 59
O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as amended by Section 534,
Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section

1 396.33), which relates to cremation without license
2 and permit; making organic reduction without license
3 or permit subject to felony charges; regulating the
4 practice of natural organic reduction; requiring
5 licensure; requiring record keeping; subjecting
6 natural organic reduction facilities to inspection;
7 providing for codification; and providing an
8 effective date.

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

9 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 396.2. As used in the Funeral Services Licensing Act:

12 1. "Embalmer" means a person who disinfects or preserves dead
13 human remains, entire or in part, by the use of chemical substances,
14 fluids or gases in the remains, or by the introduction of same into
15 the remains by vascular or hypodermic injection, or by direct
16 application into organs or cavities;

17 2. "Funeral director" means a person who:

18 a. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
19 being engaged in preparing for the burial or disposal
20 and directing and supervising the burial or disposal
21 of dead human remains,

22 b. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
23 being engaged in maintaining a funeral establishment
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1 for the preparation and the disposition, or for the
2 care of dead human remains,

3 c. uses, in connection with the name of the person or
4 funeral establishment, the words "funeral director" or
5 "undertaker" or "mortician" or any other title
6 implying that the person is engaged as a funeral
7 director,

8 d. sells funeral service merchandise to the public, or

9 e. is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
10 a crematory or natural organic reduction facility;

11 3. "Funeral establishment" means a place of business used in
12 the care and preparation for burial, commercial embalming, or
13 transportation of dead human remains, or any place where any person
14 or persons shall hold forth and be engaged in the profession of
15 undertaking or funeral directing;

16 4. "Apprentice" means a person who is engaged in learning the
17 practice of embalming or the practice of funeral directing, as the
18 case may be, under the instruction and personal supervision of a
19 duly licensed embalmer or a duly licensed funeral director of and in
20 the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral
21 Services Licensing Act, and who is duly registered as such with said
22 Board;

23 5. "Board" means the Oklahoma Funeral Board;

1 6. "Directing a funeral" or "funeral directing" means directing
2 funeral services from the time of the first call until final
3 disposition or release to a common carrier or release to next of kin
4 of the deceased or the designee of the next of kin;

5 7. "First call" means the beginning of the relationship and
6 duty of the funeral director to take charge of dead human remains
7 and have such remains prepared by embalming, cremation, reduction,
8 or otherwise, for burial or disposition, provided all laws
9 pertaining to public health in this state are complied with. First
10 call does not include calls made by ambulance, when the person
11 dispatching the ambulance does not know whether or not dead human
12 remains are to be picked up;

13 8. "Personal supervision" means the physical presence of a
14 licensed funeral director or embalmer at the specified time and
15 place of the providing of acts of funeral service;

16 9. "Commercial embalming establishment" means a fixed place of
17 business consisting of an equipped preparation room, and other rooms
18 as necessary, for the specified purpose of performing preparation
19 and shipping services of dead human remains to funeral
20 establishments inside and outside this state;

21 10. "Funeral service merchandise or funeral services" means
22 those products and services normally provided by funeral
23 establishments and required to be listed on the General Price List
24 of the Federal Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a),

1 including, but not limited to, the sale of burial supplies and
2 equipment, but excluding the sale by a cemetery of lands or
3 interests therein, services incidental thereto, markers, memorials,
4 monuments, equipment, crypts, niches or outer enclosures;

5 11. "Outer enclosure" means a grave liner, grave box, or grave
6 vault;

7 12. "Funeral director in charge" means an individual licensed
8 as both a funeral director and embalmer designated by a funeral
9 service establishment, commercial embalming establishment, or
10 crematory who is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
11 the establishment and is accountable to the Board;

12 13. "Authorizing agent" means a person legally entitled to
13 order the cremation, reduction, or final disposition of particular
14 human remains pursuant to Section 1151 or 1158 of Title 21 of the
15 Oklahoma Statutes;

16 14. "Cremation" means the technical process, using heat and
17 flame, or heat and pressure, that reduces human remains to essential
18 elements, including bone fragments. The ~~reduction~~ process takes
19 place through heat and evaporation. Cremation shall include, but
20 not be limited to, the processing and pulverization of the bone
21 fragments, ~~or~~ through alkaline hydrolysis. Cremation shall not
22 include organic reduction;

23 15. "Crematory" means a structure containing a furnace or
24 alkaline hydrolysis vessel or natural organic reduction vessel used

1 or intended to be used for the cremation of human remains. The term
2 includes a facility that cremates human remains through alkaline
3 hydrolysis; ~~and~~

4 16. "Alkaline hydrolysis" means the ~~reduction~~ technical process
5 for reducing of human remains to bone fragments and essential
6 elements in a licensed crematory using heat, pressure, water and
7 base chemical agents;

8 17. "Natural organic reduction" means the contained accelerated
9 reduction and conversion of human remains to soil in a licensed
10 crematory using heat, water, and organic material;

11 18. "Natural organic reduction facilities" means a structure
12 containing equipment used or intended to be used for natural organic
13 reduction;

14 19. "Reduction" means the method of final disposition of human
15 remains by natural organic reduction. The term shall not include
16 methods defined by cremation; and

17 20. "Natural organic reduction vessel" means a specialized
18 environmentally controlled vessel that reduces human remains into
19 soil. A natural organic reduction vessel must be composed of
20 stainless steel.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.3a, is
22 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 396.3a. The following persons, professions and
2 businesses shall be required to be licensed pursuant to the Funeral
3 Services Licensing Act:

4 1. Any person engaged or who may engage in:

5 a. the practice or profession of funeral directing,

6 cremating, natural organic reduction, or embalming,

7 b. maintaining the business of a funeral establishment or
8 commercial embalming establishment,

9 c. the sale of any funeral service merchandise, or

10 d. providing funeral services; and

11 2. Any funeral establishment or commercial embalming
12 establishment.

13 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.4, as
14 amended by Section 3, Chapter 381, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,
15 Section 396.4), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 396.4. A. 1. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall set
17 fees pursuant to rule for all licenses, registrations, examinations,
18 and renewals required by the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

19 2. Until the Oklahoma Funeral Board sets fees pursuant to rule,
20 the following shall be the fees charged for the licenses,
21 registrations, and examinations required by the Funeral Services
22 Licensing Act:

23 Funeral Director License or Renewal \$75.00

24 Assistant Funeral Director License or Renewal \$150.00

1	Embalmer License or Renewal	\$75.00
2	Registration for Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00
3	Extension of Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00
4	Embalmer Examination	\$100.00
5	Funeral Director Examination	\$100.00
6	State Law Examination	\$100.00
7	Funeral Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
8	Commercial Embalming Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
9	Reciprocal License for Funeral Director or Embalmer	\$150.00
10	Change of Funeral Director in Charge	\$150.00
11	Crematory License or Renewal	\$250.00
12	<u>Natural Organic Reduction Facility License or Renewal</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>

13 B. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall assess Three Dollars
14 (\$3.00) for each disposition performed by the licensed funeral
15 establishment or commercial embalming establishment. The
16 disposition fee shall be payable upon renewal of the license as
17 provided in subsection E of this section and shall be calculated
18 from November 1 of the preceding calendar year to October 31 of the
19 current calendar year for each licensee. For purposes of this
20 subsection, "disposition" means each time the licensed establishment
21 files an original death certificate pursuant to Section 1-317 of
22 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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1 C. Fees for funeral director, embalmer, and state law
2 examinations shall be paid prior to the scheduled examination. An
3 examination fee shall not be refundable.

4 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board is authorized to determine and
5 fix special administrative service fees. Each such fee shall not be
6 in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

7 E. If any renewal fee required by this section is not paid on
8 or before December 31 of each year, the amount of the fee shall be
9 doubled and if the fee is not paid on or before April 30 of the
10 subsequent year, the licensee shall be in default and the license
11 shall terminate automatically.

12 F. All examinations of the Oklahoma Funeral Board shall be
13 exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act in order to maintain the
14 integrity of the examination process. Copies of completed
15 examinations shall only be released upon receipt of a court order
16 from a court of competent jurisdiction.

17 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 396.12. A. Any place where a person shall hold forth
20 by word or act that the person is engaged in the profession of
21 undertaking or funeral directing shall be deemed as a funeral
22 establishment and shall be licensed as such pursuant to the
23 provisions of the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

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1 B. A funeral establishment shall not do business in a location
2 that is not licensed as a funeral establishment, shall not advertise
3 a service that is available from an unlicensed location, and shall
4 advertise itself by the name that the establishment is licensed as
5 pursuant to the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

6 C. Every funeral establishment, commercial embalming
7 establishment, and crematory shall be operated by a funeral director
8 in charge. Each establishment license shall be conspicuously
9 displayed at the location.

10 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall have the power to inspect
11 the premises in which funeral directing is conducted or where
12 embalming ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction is practiced or where an
13 applicant proposed to practice, and the Board is hereby empowered to
14 prescribe and endorse rules for reasonable sanitation of such
15 establishments, including necessary drainage, ventilation, and
16 necessary and suitable instruments for the business or profession of
17 embalming and funeral directing.

18 E. Any place where a person shall hold forth by word or act
19 that such person is engaged in preparing and shipping of dead human
20 remains to funeral establishments inside and outside this state
21 shall be deemed a commercial embalming establishment and shall be
22 licensed as such pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral Services
23 Licensing Act.

1 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12c, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 396.12c. A. After notice and hearing pursuant to
4 Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Oklahoma
5 Funeral Board may refuse to issue or renew, or may revoke or
6 suspend, any license or registration for any one or combination of
7 the following:

8 1. Conviction of a felony crime that substantially relates to
9 the occupation of a funeral director and poses a reasonable threat
10 to public safety;

11 2. Conviction of a misdemeanor involving funeral services;

12 3. Gross malpractice or gross incompetency, which shall be
13 determined by the Board;

14 4. False or misleading advertising as a funeral director or
15 embalmer;

16 5. Violation of any of the provisions of the Funeral Services
17 Licensing Act or any violation of Sections 201 through 231 of Title
18 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

19 6. Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license;

20 7. Using any casket or part thereof which has previously been
21 used as a receptacle for, or in connection with, the burial or other
22 disposition of dead human remains, unless the disclosure is made to
23 the purchaser;

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1 8. Violation of any rules of the Board in administering the
2 purposes of the Funeral Services Licensing Act;

3 9. Use of intoxicating liquor sufficient to produce drunkenness
4 in public, or habitual addiction to the use of habit-forming drugs
5 or either;

6 10. Solicitation of business, either personally or by an agent,
7 from a dying individual or the relatives of a dead or individual
8 with a terminal condition, as defined by the Oklahoma Advance
9 Directive Act, other than through general advertising;

10 11. Refusing to properly release a dead human body to the
11 custody of the person entitled to custody;

12 12. Violating applicable state laws relating to the failure to
13 file a death certificate, cremation or reduction permit, or
14 prearrangement or prefinancing of a funeral;

15 13. Failing to obtain other necessary permits as required by
16 law in a timely manner;

17 14. Failing to comply with the Funeral Rules of the Federal
18 Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a);

19 15. Failing to comply with any applicable provisions of the
20 Funeral Services Licensing Act at the time of issuance or renewal;

21 16. Improper issuance or renewal of a license or registration;

22 17. Violating the provisions of subsection B of Section 396.12
23 of this title regarding advertisement of services at locations not
24 licensed by the Board;

1 18. The abuse of a corpse whereby a person knowingly and
2 willfully signs a certificate as having embalmed, cremated, or
3 prepared a dead human body for disposition when, in fact, the
4 services were not performed as indicated;

5 19. Simultaneous cremating or reducing of more than one human
6 dead body without express written approval of the authorizing agent;

7 20. Cremating or reducing human remains without the permit
8 required by Section 1-329.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

9 21. Intentional interference with an investigation by the Board
10 or failure to allow access to funeral records during an
11 investigation or to produce records for an investigation; or

12 22. Failure to properly discharge financial obligations as
13 established by rule of the Board.

14 B. As used in this section:

15 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
16 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
17 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
18 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

19 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
20 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
21 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
22 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

23 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.29, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 396.29. A. The person charged by law with the duty of
2 burying the body of a deceased person may discharge such duty by
3 causing the body to be cremated or reduced as authorized and
4 provided for in the following sections of this ~~article~~ title, but
5 the body of a deceased person shall not be disposed of by cremation,
6 reduction, or other similar means, within the State of Oklahoma,
7 except in a crematory or natural organic reduction facility duly
8 licensed as provided for herein, and then only under a special
9 permit for cremation or reduction issued in accordance with the
10 provisions hereof.

11 B. Upon the completion of each cremation or reduction, and
12 insofar as is practicable, all of the recoverable residue of the
13 cremation or reduction process shall be removed from the crematory
14 or natural organic reduction vessel and placed in a separate
15 container so that the residue may not be commingled with the
16 cremated or reduced remains of other persons. Cremated or reduced
17 remains of a dead human shall not be divided or separated without
18 the prior written consent of the authorizing agent.

19 C. A funeral director or funeral establishment that has
20 received express written authorization for final disposition ~~of~~,
21 cremation, or reduction from the authorizing agent shall not be
22 liable if the final disposition ~~of~~, cremation, or reduction is
23 performed in accordance with the provisions of the Funeral Services
24 Licensing Act. The funeral director or funeral establishment shall

1 not be liable for following in a reasonable fashion the instructions
2 of any persons who falsely represent themselves as the proper
3 authorizing agents.

4 D. Absent the receipt of a court order or other suitable
5 confirmation of resolution, a funeral director or funeral
6 establishment shall not be liable for refusing to accept human
7 remains for final disposition ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction if the
8 funeral director or other agent of the funeral establishment:

9 1. Is aware of any dispute concerning the final disposition ~~or~~,
10 cremation, or reduction of the human remains; or

11 2. Has a reasonable basis for questioning any of the
12 representations made by the authorizing agent.

13 E. Each funeral establishment which offers or performs
14 cremations or reductions shall maintain an identification system
15 that ensures the ability of the funeral establishment to identify
16 the human remains in its possession throughout all phases of the
17 cremation or reduction process. Upon completion of the cremation or
18 reduction process, the crematory operator or reduction facility
19 operator shall attest to the identity of the cremated or reduced
20 remains and the date, time, and place the cremation or reduction
21 process occurred on a form prescribed by rule of the Oklahoma
22 Funeral Board. The form shall accompany the human remains in all
23 phases of transportation, cremation or reduction, and return of the
24 cremated or reduced remains.

1 F. The authorizing agent is responsible for the disposition of
2 the cremated or reduced remains. If, after sixty (60) calendar days
3 from the date of cremation or reduction, the authorizing agent or
4 the representative of the agent has not specified the ultimate
5 disposition or claimed the cremated or reduced remains, the funeral
6 establishment in possession of the cremated or reduced remains may
7 dispose of the cremated or reduced remains in a dignified and humane
8 manner in accordance with any state, county, or municipal laws or
9 provisions regarding the disposition of cremated or reduced remains,
10 except as provided in subsection G of this section. A record of
11 this disposition shall be made and kept by the entity making the
12 disposition. Upon the disposition of unclaimed cremated or reduced
13 remains in accordance with this subsection, the funeral
14 establishment and entity which disposed the cremated or reduced
15 remains shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability
16 concerning the disposition of the cremated or reduced remains.

17 G. If the authorizing agent determines that the unclaimed
18 cremated or reduced remains are those of a military veteran, the
19 funeral establishment may transfer the remains to a charitable
20 organization approved by the Military Department of the State of
21 Oklahoma for the purpose of providing a dignified and honorable
22 funeral for the veteran at a veterans cemetery. The charitable
23 organization shall be listed as an exempt organization under Section
24 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c).

1 Upon the transfer of the veteran's remains to the charitable
2 organization, the funeral establishment shall be discharged from any
3 legal obligation or liability concerning the disposition of the
4 cremated or reduced remains.

5 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.32, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 396.32. The residue resulting from the cremation or
8 reduction of the body of a deceased person may be transported in
9 this state in any manner, without any permit therefor, and may be
10 disposed of in any manner desired or directed by the person or
11 persons charged by law with the duty of burying the body.

12 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as
13 amended by Section 534, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp.
14 2025, Section 396.33), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 396.33. Disposing of the body of a deceased person by
16 cremation, reduction, or other similar means, within the State of
17 Oklahoma, except in a crematory or natural organic reduction
18 facility duly licensed as provided for in Section ~~25~~ 396.30 of this
19 ~~act~~ title and under a special permit for cremation or reduction
20 issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-329.1 of Title
21 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is hereby declared to be a felony.

22 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 396.34 of Title 59, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. No person shall dispose of the body of any deceased person
2 by natural organic reduction or other similar means, within this
3 state, without first having obtained from the Oklahoma Funeral Board
4 an annual license to operate a natural organic reduction facility.

5 B. Application for an annual license shall be made to the
6 Executive Director of the Board upon forms prescribed and furnished
7 by the Executive Director, shall give the location of the natural
8 organic reduction facility, and any other information as the
9 Executive Director shall require, and shall be accompanied by the
10 natural organic reduction facility license fee pursuant to Section
11 396.4 of this title. A natural organic reduction facility shall not
12 be licensed separately from a funeral or commercial embalming
13 establishment but shall be licensed in conjunction with and operated
14 by a funeral service or commercial embalming establishment. Annual
15 licenses shall expire on December 31 each year, shall specify the
16 name or names of the owners of the crematory and the location
17 thereof, the funeral director in charge, and shall not be
18 transferable either as to the ownership of the natural organic
19 reduction facility, the funeral director in charge or as to the
20 location thereof. The first annual license issued for any natural
21 organic reduction facility at any location shall not be issued by
22 the Executive Director until the executive director has been
23 satisfied.

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1 C. All funeral establishments performing natural organic
2 reduction facility shall have a licensed funeral director in charge.

3 D. Each funeral establishment performing reduction services
4 shall keep records as required by the Board to assure compliance
5 with all laws relating to the disposition of dead human remains and
6 shall file annually with the Board a report in the form prescribed
7 by the Board describing the operations of the licensee, including
8 the number of reductions performed, the disposition thereof, and any
9 other information that the Board may require by rule.

10 E. A funeral establishment performing reduction services shall
11 be subject to all local, state, and federal health and environmental
12 requirements and shall obtain all necessary licenses and permits
13 from the Oklahoma Funeral Board, and the appropriate federal and
14 state health and environmental authorities.

15 F. All natural organic reduction facilities shall be subject to
16 inspection, at all reasonable times, by the Board or its duly
17 authorized agents or employees.

18 G. License Required. A dead human body may only undergo
19 natural organic reduction in the State of Oklahoma at a natural
20 organic reduction facility licensed by the Oklahoma Funeral Board.

21 H. General Requirements. Any building to be used as a natural
22 organic reduction facility must comply with all applicable local and
23 state building codes, zoning laws, and ordinances and environmental
24 standards. A natural organic reduction facility must have on site:

1 1. A natural organic reduction system capable of reducing human
2 remains through natural organic reduction, which includes:

3 a. an identification system that maintains a secure chain
4 of custody and prevents commingling throughout the
5 process,

6 b. a vessel that can reach a minimum one hundred thirty-
7 one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit temperature for seventy-
8 two (72) consecutive hours to destroy pathogens,

9 c. a vessel monitoring system to ensure those temperature
10 thresholds are met;

11 2. A motorized mechanical device for processing the remains in
12 reduction; and

13 3. A refrigerated holding facility for the retention of dead
14 human bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.

15 The holding facility must be secure from access by anyone except
16 the authorized personnel of the natural organic reduction facility,
17 preserve the dignity of the remains, and protect the health and
18 safety of the natural organic reduction facility personnel. The
19 room where human remains are prepared for natural organic reduction
20 must be private and must not have a general passageway through it.
21 All windows or other openings to the outside must be treated in a
22 manner that prevents viewing into the room where the deceased will
23 be prepared for natural organic reduction. A window for authorized
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1 family members or their designees is not a violation of this
2 section.

3 The room must, at all times, be secure from the entrance of
4 unauthorized persons. Authorized persons are:

- 5 a. licensed funeral directors or natural organic
6 reduction facility operators,
- 7 b. registered apprentices,
- 8 c. public officials or representatives in the discharge
9 of their official duties,
- 10 d. the person or persons with the right to control the
11 disposition of the deceased,
- 12 e. other individuals authorized by the authorizing agent
13 or if accompanied by an authorized person.

14 I. Any room where the body is prepared for natural organic
15 reduction must be properly lit and ventilated with an exhaust fan.
16 It must be equipped with a functional sink with running hot and cold
17 water. It must have nonporous flooring, such that a sanitary
18 condition is provided. The walls and ceiling must be covered with
19 tile, or by plaster or sheetrock painted with washable paint or
20 other appropriate material, such that a sanitary condition is
21 provided. The doors, walls, ceiling, and windows must be constructed
22 to prevent odors from entering other parts of the building.

23 J. All licensed natural organic reduction facilities shall
24 develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby

1 dead human bodies can be identified from the time the natural
2 organic reduction facility accepts delivery of the body until the
3 reduced remains are released to an authorized party. After
4 reduction, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall
5 be placed within the reduced remains container or containers before
6 the remains are released from the natural organic reduction
7 facility. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have a
8 number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the
9 decedent. This procedure shall be designed to reasonably ensure
10 that the proper body is reduced and that the remains are returned to
11 the appropriate party.

12 K. The natural organic reduction facility must:

13 1. Ensure that the material in the natural organic reduction
14 vessel naturally reaches and maintains a minimum of one hundred
15 thirty-one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit for a minimum of seventy-two
16 (72) consecutive hours during the process of reduction;

17 2. Ensure reduced remains have less than one-hundredth (.01)
18 milligram/kilogram dry weight of any physical contaminants;

19 3. Collect material samples for analysis that are
20 representative of each instance of reduction, using a sample method
21 such as those described in the U.S. Composting Council 2002 Test
22 Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost, method 02.01-
23 A through E;

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1 4. Develop and use a reduction process in which the reduced
2 remains from the process do not exceed the following limits:

3 a. metal and other testing parameters limit (mg/kg dry
4 weight), unless specified,

5 b. fecal coliform less than one thousand (1,000) most
6 probable number per gram of total solids (dry weight),
7 or

8 c. salmonella less than three (3) most probable number
9 per four (4) grams of total solids (dry weight),

10 d. cadmium less than or equal to seven and one-tenths
11 (7.1) parts per million (ppm)

12 e. lead less than or equal to one hundred fifty (150)
13 ppm,

14 f. mercury less than or equal to five (5) ppm,

15 g. arsenic less than or equal to eleven (11) ppm,

16 h. selenium less than or equal to eighteen (18) ppm;

17 5. Analyze, using a third-party laboratory, the reduction
18 facility's material samples of reduced remains according to the
19 following schedule:

20 a. the reduction facility must analyze each of the first
21 twenty instances of reduced remains for the parameters
22 in section 4; if any of the first twenty instances of
23 reduced remains yield results exceeding the limits
24 outlined above, the reduction facility must analyze

1 each additional reduced remains until a total of
2 twenty samples, not including those from the reduced
3 remains that were reprocessed as required by the above
4 parameters, have yielded results within the limits
5 above on initial testing,

6 b. after twenty material samples of reduced remains have
7 met the limits in the above parameters, the natural
8 reduction facility must analyze at least twenty-five
9 percent (25%) of the reduction facility's monthly
10 reduced remains are found to meet the limits, not
11 including any samples that required reprocessing to
12 meet those limits, and after eighty material samples
13 of the reduced remains are found to meet the limits in
14 the above parameters the reduction facility must
15 analyze one randomly chose instance of reduced remains
16 each month form the parameters above. If fecal
17 coliform or salmonella in the tested reduced remains
18 exceeds the limit for that substance the reduction
19 facility must analyze subsequent instance of reduced
20 remains for fecal coliform and salmonella until ten
21 total material samples are found to meet the limits in
22 the above parameters on initial testing, demonstrating
23 the reduction process was effectively corrected;

1 6. Comply with any testing requirements established by the
2 Oklahoma Funeral Board for content parameters in addition to those
3 specified;

4 7. Not release any reduced remains that exceed the parameters;
5 and

6 8. Prepare, maintain, and provide to the Oklahoma Funeral
7 Board, upon request, a report for each calendar year detailing the
8 reduction facility's activities during the previous calendar year.
9 The report must include the following information:

- 10 a. the name and address of the reduction facility,
- 11 b. the calendar year covered by the report,
- 12 c. the body intake log of reduced remains,
- 13 d. the results of any laboratory analyses of reduced
14 remains, and
- 15 e. any additional information required by the Oklahoma
16 Funeral Board.

17 L. The reduction facility shall provide for the removal and
18 disposition of any accumulated residue from any reduction vessel,
19 mechanical processor, or other equipment used in the reduction.

20 M. Every reduction facility shall create and maintain on its
21 premises or other business location in Oklahoma an accurate record
22 of every reduction provided. The record shall include all of the
23 following information for each reduction:

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1 1. The name of the person or funeral establishment delivering
2 the remains for reduction;

3 2. The name of deceased and the identification number assigned
4 to the remains;

5 3. The date of delivery;

6 4. The names of the operator of reduction process and
7 mechanical processor operator;

8 5. The times and date that the remains were removed from the
9 reduction vessel;

10 6. The time, date, and manner of release of the reduced
11 remains;

12 7. The name and address of the person who signed the
13 authorization for reduction; and

14 8. All supporting documentation, including any transit or
15 medical examiner's permit, the authorization for the reduction.

16 All records shall be maintained for a period of five (5)
17 calendar years after the release of the reduced remains. At the end
18 of this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of
19 records, the reduction facility may destroy the records by any
20 manner that protects the privacy of the individuals identified.

21 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
24 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.