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3 By Senator Keahey
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 34-13-53, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 relating to the Alabama Board of Funeral Service; to require
7 continuing education for licensed funeral directors,
8 embalmers, and operators; to provide for exemptions; and to
9 authorize the board to provide renewal notices electronically
10 to each licensee in lieu of mailing.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 34-13-53 of the Code of Alabama
13 1975, is amended to read as follows:

14 "§34-13-53.

15 "(a) Every licensed funeral director, every licensed
16 embalmer, and every licensed operator shall pay annually a fee
17 for renewal of his or her license. The renewal fees shall be
18 set by the board at a rate not to exceed one hundred fifty
19 dollars (\$150) for licensed embalmers and funeral directors
20 and five hundred dollars (\$500) for licensed operators.

21 "(b) All licenses granted under this chapter shall
22 expire on October 1, following their issuance or renewal, and
23 shall become invalid unless renewed as provided in this
24 section. In addition to payment of a renewal fee, each
25 licensee shall satisfy continuing education requirements

1 prescribed by rule of the board pursuant to subsection (c).

2 There shall be no proration of licenses.

3 "(c) (1) Commencing in 2014, and for each licensing
4 period thereafter, the board may require persons seeking
5 renewal of an embalmer or funeral director license under this
6 chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not
7 less than eight hours biennially. The board may approve
8 courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty
9 societies, associations, or professional organizations or by
10 other organizations the board deems appropriate.

11 "(2) Any person who holds an inactive license or who
12 is over the age of 65, with at least 10 years of experience in
13 the funeral service industry, is exempt from the continuing
14 education requirement.

15 "(3) An embalmer who is also a licensed funeral
16 director and who completes the continuing education
17 requirements for funeral directors is not required to complete
18 additional continuing education requirements.

19 "(4) The board may promulgate rules to implement and
20 ensure compliance with this section.

21 "(c)(d) The board shall ~~mail~~ publish on or before
22 August 1 of each year, in printed form, electronic image, in
23 an online publication, or on the website of the board that is
24 accessible to each licensed funeral director, ~~to each~~ licensed
25 embalmer, and ~~to each~~ licensed operator, ~~addressed to him or~~

1 ~~her at his or her last address,~~ a notice that his or her
2 renewal fee is due and payable and that, if such fee is not
3 paid by October 1, the license shall lapse.

4 ~~"(d)~~ (e) At the time, or before, a licensee changes
5 place of employment, residence address, or makes any other
6 change in status which is of record at the board office, the
7 licensee shall report such change of status, ~~on a form~~
8 provided by a method prescribed by the board, to the executive
9 secretary."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Passed: 01-APR-14

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