

1 SB210  
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3 By Senator Keahey  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
5 First Read: 15-JAN-14

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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 To amend Section 34-13-53, Code of Alabama 1975,  
12 relating to the Alabama Board of Funeral Service; to require  
13 continuing education for licensed funeral directors,  
14 embalmers, and operators; to provide for exemptions; and to  
15 authorize the board to provide renewal notices electronically  
16 to each licensee in lieu of mailing.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Section 34-13-53 of the Code of Alabama  
19 1975, is amended to read as follows:

20 "§34-13-53.

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

1           "(b) All licenses granted under this chapter shall  
2 expire on October 1, following their issuance or renewal, and  
3 shall become invalid unless renewed as provided in this  
4 section. In addition to payment of a renewal fee, each  
5 licensee shall satisfy continuing education requirements  
6 prescribed by rule of the board pursuant to subsection (c).  
7 There shall be no proration of licenses.

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

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

20           "(3) An embalmer who is also a licensed funeral  
21 director and who completes the continuing education  
22 requirements for funeral directors is not required to complete  
23 additional continuing education requirements.

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

26           "~~(c)~~ (d) The board shall ~~mail~~ publish on or before  
27 August 1 of each year, in printed form, electronic image, in

1 an online publication, or on the website of the board that is  
2 accessible to each licensed funeral director, ~~to each~~ licensed  
3 embalmer, and ~~to each~~ licensed operator, ~~addressed to him or~~  
4 ~~her at his or her last address,~~ a notice that his or her  
5 renewal fee is due and payable and that, if such fee is not  
6 paid by October 1, the license shall lapse.

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

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

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Senate

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Yeas 22  
Nays 0

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Secretary