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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Board of  
9 Funeral Service does not require continuing  
10 education of licensed funeral directors, embalmers,  
11 and operators.

12 This bill would require each licensee to  
13 satisfy continuing education requirements  
14 prescribed by rule of the board and would provide  
15 for exemptions.

16 This bill would also authorize the board to  
17 provide renewal notices electronically to each  
18 licensee in lieu of mailing.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 To amend Section 34-13-53, Code of Alabama 1975,  
25 relating to the Alabama Board of Funeral Service; to require  
26 continuing education for licensed funeral directors,  
27 embalmers, and operators; to provide for exemptions; and to

1 authorize the board to provide renewal notices electronically  
2 to each licensee in lieu of mailing.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 34-13-53 of the Code of Alabama  
5 1975, is amended to read as follows:

6 "§34-13-53.

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

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

20 "(c) (1) Commencing in 2014, and for each licensing  
21 period thereafter, the board may require persons seeking  
22 renewal of an embalmer or funeral director license under this  
23 chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not  
24 less than eight hours biennially. The board may approve  
25 courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty  
26 societies, associations, or professional organizations or by  
27 other organizations the board deems appropriate.

1           "(2) Any person who holds an inactive license or who  
2 is over the age of 65 is exempt from the continuing education  
3 requirement.

4           "(3) An embalmer who is also a licensed funeral  
5 director and who completes the continuing education  
6 requirements for funeral directors is not required to complete  
7 additional continuing education requirements.

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

10           "~~(c)~~ (d) The board shall ~~mail~~ publish on or before  
11 August 1 of each year, in printed form, electronic image, in  
12 an online publication, or on the website of the board that is  
13 accessible to each licensed funeral director, ~~to each~~ licensed  
14 embalmer, and ~~to each~~ licensed operator, ~~addressed to him or~~  
15 ~~her at his or her last address,~~ a notice that his or her  
16 renewal fee is due and payable and that, if such fee is not  
17 paid by October 1, the license shall lapse.

18           "~~(d)~~ (e) At the time, or before, a licensee changes  
19 place of employment, residence address, or makes any other  
20 change in status which is of record at the board office, the  
21 licensee shall report such change of status, ~~on a form~~  
22 provided by a method prescribed by the board, to the executive  
23 secretary."

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