

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1687

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1687, after
3 Section 5, by inserting the following:

4 "Section 10. The Funeral Directors and Embalmers
5 Licensing Code is amended by changing Section 5-15 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 41/5-15)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2002)

9 Sec. 5-15. Expiration and renewal; inactive status;
10 continuing education. The expiration date and renewal period
11 for each license issued under this Article shall be set by
12 rule. The holder of a license as a licensed funeral director
13 may renew the license during the month preceding the
14 expiration date of the license by paying the required fee. A
15 licensed funeral director whose license has expired may have
16 the license reinstated within 5 years from the date of
17 expiration upon payment of the required reinstatement fee.
18 The reinstatement shall be effective as of the date of
19 reissuance of the license.

20 Any licensed funeral director whose license has been
21 expired for more than 5 years may have the license restored
22 only by fulfilling the requirements of the Department's rules

1 and by paying the required restoration fee. However, any
2 licensed funeral director whose license has expired while he
3 or she has been engaged (1) in federal service on active duty
4 with the Army of the United States, the United States Navy,
5 the Marine Corps, the Air Force, the Coast Guard, or the
6 State Militia called into the service or training of the
7 United States of America or (2) in training or education
8 under the supervision of the United States preliminary to
9 induction into the military service may have his or her
10 license restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees or
11 restoration fee or without passing any examination if, within
12 2 years after termination of the service, training or
13 education other than by dishonorable discharge, he or she
14 furnishes the Department with an affidavit to the effect that
15 he or she has been so engaged and that service, training or
16 education has been so terminated.

17 In addition to any other requirement for renewal of a
18 license or reinstatement of an expired license, beginning
19 with licenses renewed or reinstated in 1993, as a condition
20 for the renewal or reinstatement of a license as a licensed
21 funeral director, each licensee shall provide evidence to the
22 Department of completion of at least 12 hours of continuing
23 education during the 24 months preceding the expiration date
24 of the license, or in the case of reinstatement, during the
25 24 months preceding application for reinstatement. The
26 continuing education sponsors shall be approved by the Board.
27 In addition, any qualified continuing education course for
28 funeral directors offered by a college, university, the
29 Illinois Funeral Directors Association, Funeral Directors
30 Services Association of Greater Chicago, Cook County
31 Association of Funeral Home Owners, Inc., Illinois Selected
32 Morticians Association, Inc., National Funeral Directors
33 Association, National Foundation of Funeral Service, National
34 Selected Morticians, National Funeral Directors and

1 Morticians Association, Inc., International Order of the
2 Golden Rule, or an Illinois school of mortuary science shall
3 be accepted toward satisfaction of the continuing education
4 requirements.

5 The Department shall establish by rule a means for
6 verification of completion of the continuing education
7 required by this Section. This verification may be
8 accomplished through audits of records maintained by
9 licensees, by requiring the filing of continued education
10 certificates with the Department or a qualified organization
11 selected by the Department to maintain these records, or by
12 other means established by the Department.

13 A person who is licensed as a funeral director under this
14 Act and who has engaged in the practice of funeral directing
15 for at least 40 years shall be exempt from the continuing
16 education requirements of this Section. In addition, the
17 Department shall establish by rule an exemption or exception
18 for funeral directors who, by reason of advanced age, health
19 or other extreme condition should reasonably be excused from
20 the continuing education requirement upon explanation to the
21 Board, the approval of the Director, or both. Those persons,
22 identified above, who cannot attend on-site classes, shall
23 have the opportunity to comply by completing home study
24 courses designed for them by sponsors.

25 Any funeral director who notifies the Department in
26 writing on forms prescribed by the Department may elect to
27 place his or her license on an inactive status and shall be
28 excused from completion of continuing education requirements
29 until he or she notifies the Department in writing of an
30 intent to restore the license to active status. ~~While--on~~
31 ~~inactive-status, the licensee shall only be required to pay a~~
32 ~~single-fee, established by the Department, to have his or her~~
33 ~~license--placed--on--inactive--status.~~ Any licensee requesting
34 restoration from inactive status shall notify the Department

1 as provided by rule of the Department and pay the fee
2 required by the Department for restoration of the license.
3 Any licensee whose license is on inactive status shall not
4 practice in the State of Illinois.

5 Practice on a license that has lapsed or been placed in
6 inactive status is practicing without a license and a
7 violation of this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-50, eff. 1-1-98.)".