

HOUSE BILL 1888

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,  
Chapter 5, relative to funeral directors and  
embalmers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-315, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 62-5-315.

(a) All licenses issued to funeral directors or embalmers, as provided herein, shall be issued for a period of four (4) years, and shall be renewed once during such period at a fee in an amount to be established by the board, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(b) All licenses issued to funeral establishments, as provided herein, shall be issued for a period of four (4) years and shall be renewed once during such period at a fee in an amount to be established by the board, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(c) No license issued to a funeral director, embalmer or funeral establishment granted hereunder shall be transferable or assignable.

(d) A duplicate license to replace any license lost, destroyed or mutilated may be obtained from the board upon submission of a proper letter of request, accompanied by payment of a fee as set by the board.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-316(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and by adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):

(b)(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), the executive director shall have the discretion to grant an application for renewal or reinstatement that is received beyond the prescribed expiration date upon the executive director's finding that a license holder was not aware of the receipt of such written notice, due to illness, disability or other good cause.

SECTION 3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.