



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6602**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND FUNERAL HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public  
2 Health shall provide all funeral directors licensed pursuant to chapter  
3 385 of the general statutes, including such funeral directors who  
4 operate out-of-state funeral homes or funeral service businesses, equal  
5 access to the electronic death registry system.

6 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health  
7 shall study whether to exempt licensed funeral directors who become  
8 owners or part owners of a funeral home, funeral service business or  
9 other establishment that is not engaged in the practice of embalming  
10 from the requirement to employ a full-time licensed embalmer  
11 pursuant to the provisions of section 20-221 of the general statutes. Not  
12 later than February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall report, in  
13 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
14 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
15 matters relating to public health regarding such study.

16 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 20-222 of the general statutes is  
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
18 *passage*):

19 (b) Upon receipt of an initial application for a funeral home license,  
 20 and annually thereafter, the Department of Public Health shall make  
 21 an inspection of each building or part thereof wherein a funeral service  
 22 business is conducted or is intended to be conducted, and satisfactory  
 23 proof shall be furnished the Department of Public Health that the  
 24 building or part thereof, in which it is intended to conduct the funeral  
 25 service business, contains an adequate sanitary preparation room  
 26 equipped with tile, cement or composition flooring, necessary  
 27 ventilation, sink, and hot and cold running water, sewage facilities,  
 28 and such instruments and supplies for the preparing or embalming of  
 29 dead human bodies for burial, transportation or other disposition as  
 30 the Commissioner of Public Health, with advice and assistance from  
 31 the board, deems necessary and suitable for the conduct and  
 32 maintenance of such business.

33 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 20-222a of the general statutes is  
 34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 35 *passage*):

36 (b) Each funeral home license issued pursuant to the provisions of  
 37 this chapter shall be renewed on an annual basis, except for cause, by  
 38 the Department of Public Health upon payment to said department in  
 39 the amount of one hundred ninety dollars for each funeral home  
 40 license renewed. Fees for renewal of a funeral home license shall be  
 41 given to the Department of Public Health on or before July first in each  
 42 year and the renewal of the funeral home license shall begin on July  
 43 first of each year and be valid for one calendar year. The department  
 44 shall complete an inspection, not less than [triennially] annually, of  
 45 each place of business that has been issued a funeral home license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	20-222(b)

Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	20-222a(b)
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