APPROVED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA FUNERAL

AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1, 2 and 4, NRS 622.510 and 642.063; § 3, NRS 622.087 and 642.063.

A REGULATION relating to decedents; authorizing the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board to accept certain training programs obtained in another state by a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of such a person for the purposes of qualifying for a license as an embalmer or funeral director; providing for the review of certain educational programs by the Board to determine whether to grant equivalent credit toward any requirement for a license, permit or certificate issued by the Board; revising certain fees relating to an application for a license, certificate or permit issued by the Board by an applicant who is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States or a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions relating to funeral directors, funeral arrangers and embalmers. (NRS 642.063) Existing law requires a regulatory body to develop opportunities for reciprocity of licensure for any person who: (1) is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran; and (2) holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice his or her profession that is not recognized by this State. (NRS 622.510)

Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice the profession of embalming in this State to have at least 1 year of practical experience under the supervision of an embalmer licensed in this State. (NRS 642.080) Existing law also: (1) requires an applicant for a funeral director's license to have completed 1 year of active practice as a funeral arranger in this State; and (2) authorizes the Board to waive that requirement if the applicant has held a license as a funeral director in another state for at least 1 year before submitting his or her application. (NRS 642.360) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes the Board to accept an apprenticeship under an embalmer licensed in another state or practical experience in a similar position in another state to satisfy the requirement that an applicant for a license to practice the profession of embalming in this State have not less than 1 year of practical experience under the supervision of an embalmer licensed in this State if: (1) the apprenticeship under an embalmer licensed in another state or

practical experience in a similar position in another state had substantially the same requirements as 1 year of practical experience under the supervision of an embalmer licensed in this State; (2) the applicant is a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of such a person; and (3) the applicant holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice the profession of embalming in another state. **Section 2** also provides that the Board will waive the requirement that an applicant for a funeral director's license must complete 1 year of active practice as a funeral arranger in this State if the applicant: (1) is a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of such a person; and (2) holds a valid and unrestricted license as a funeral director in another state. **Section 4** of this regulation provides that the Board will: (1) exempt an applicant who is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States from payment of a fee for an application for a license, permit or certification issued by the Board; and (2) charge an applicant who is a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran one-half of the fee for an application for such a license, permit or certification.

Existing law authorizes a regulatory body to grant equivalent credit towards the satisfaction of requirements for the issuance of any professional and occupational license and certification for a person who, in secondary or postsecondary education, completes a training program for occupational, vocational, career, trade or technical education approved by the State Board of Education and receives a certificate for the completion of that program. Existing law also requires each regulatory body to adopt regulations to effectuate certain provisions relating to equivalent credit. (NRS 622.087) Section 3 of this regulation: (1) provides that the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board will periodically review the training programs in secondary or postsecondary education for occupational, vocational, career, trade or technical education approved by the State Board of Education relating to funeral directors, funeral arrangers, embalmers and operators of funeral establishments, cemeteries and direct cremation facilities to determine whether to grant equivalent credit towards any requirement for a license, permit or certificate issued by the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board; (2) authorizes a person to petition the Board for the review of such a program; and (3) provides that the Board will provide a determination to a person who has so petitioned the Board within 90 days after the date the petition was submitted.

Section 1. Chapter 642 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. The Board may accept an apprenticeship under an embalmer who holds a valid and unrestricted license in another state or the completion of practical experience in a similar position in another state to satisfy the requirements of NRS 642.080 if:

- (a) The apprenticeship under an embalmer licensed in another state or completion of practical experience in a similar position in another state had substantially the same requirements as set forth in NRS 642.080;
- (b) The applicant is a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- (c) The applicant holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice the profession of embalming in another state.
 - 2. The Board will waive the requirements of subsection 5 of NRS 642.360 if the applicant:
- (a) Is a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; and
 - (b) Holds a valid and unrestricted license as a funeral director in another state.
- Sec. 3. 1. The Board will periodically review the training programs in secondary or postsecondary education for occupational, vocational, career, trade or technical education approved by the State Board of Education relating to funeral directors, funeral arrangers, embalmers and operators of funeral establishments, cemeteries and direct cremation facilities to determine whether to grant equivalent credit towards any requirement for the issuance of a license, permit or certificate pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS.
- 2. A person may petition the Board for a review of a training program in secondary or postsecondary education for occupational, vocational, career, trade or technical education approved by the State Board of Education to determine whether to grant equivalent credit towards any requirement for the issuance of a license, permit or certificate pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS. The Board will provide a determination to a person who has

petitioned the Board for a review of a training program pursuant to this subsection within 90 days after the date the petition was submitted.

3. The Board may grant equivalent credit towards a requirement for the issuance of a license, permit or certificate pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS for a training program reviewed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 if the training program is consistent with the requirements for the issuance of a license, permit or certificate pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS.

Sec. 4. If an applicant is:

- 1. An active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, the applicant is exempt from payment of the fee set forth in NRS 642.0696 for an application for a license, certificate or permit issued by the Board pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS.
- 2. A veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board will charge one-half of the fee set forth in NRS 642.0696 for an application for a license, certificate or permit issued by the Board pursuant to chapter 451, 452 or 642 of NRS.