

SENATE BILL NO. 281—SENATOR SHAFFER

MARCH 7, 2001

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing embalmers and funeral directors.  
(BDR 54-1238)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to professions; expanding the subject matter of the examinations given by the state board of funeral directors, embalmers and operators of cemeteries and crematories to applicants for certain licenses; clarifying that an applicant for a license as an embalmer is exempt from taking certain portions of the examination given by the board under certain circumstances; exempting an applicant for a license as a funeral director from taking certain portions of the examination given by the board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 642.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     642.090 1. Every person who wishes to practice the profession of  
3     embalming must appear before the board and, upon payment of a fee not to  
4     exceed \$300 to cover expenses of examination, must be examined in the  
5     knowledge of the subjects set forth in subsection 2. Examinations must be  
6     in writing, and the board may require actual demonstration on a cadaver.  
7     ~~If an~~ *An* applicant *who* has ~~previously taken and~~ passed the national  
8     examination given by the *International* Conference of Funeral Service  
9     Examining Boards ~~of the United States, the applicant need not retake that~~  
10    ~~examination for purposes of licensing in the State of Nevada.~~ *, is not*  
11    ~~required to take any portion of the examination set forth in subsection 2~~  
12    ~~that repeats or duplicates a portion of the national examination.~~ All  
13    examination papers must be kept on record by the board.  
14    2. The members of the board shall examine applicants for licenses in  
15    the following subjects:  
16    (a) Anatomy, sanitary science and signs of death.  
17    (b) Care, disinfection, preservation, transportation of and burial or other  
18    final disposition of dead bodies.  
19    (c) The manner in which death may be determined.



- 1 (d) The prevention of the spread of infectious and contagious diseases.  
2 (e) Chemistry, including toxicology.  
3 (f) Restorative art, including plastic surgery and derma surgery.  
4 (g) *The laws and regulations of this state relating to embalming.*  
5 (h) Regulations of the state board of health relating to infectious  
6 diseases and quarantine.  
7 ~~(h)~~ (i) Any other subject which the board may determine by  
8 regulation to be necessary or proper to prove the efficiency and  
9 qualification of the applicant.  
10 3. If an applicant fulfills the requirements of NRS 642.080 and  
11 642.0195 and has passed the examination provided for by this chapter, the  
12 board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice the profession of  
13 embalming for 1 year.  
14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 642.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
15 642.100 Reciprocity may be arranged by the board if an applicant:  
16 1. Is a graduate of a school of mortuary science which is accredited by  
17 the *International* Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards ; ~~to~~  
18 ~~the United States;~~  
19 2. Is licensed as an embalmer in another state;  
20 3. Has practiced embalming successfully for at least 5 years and  
21 practiced actively for 2 years immediately preceding the application for a  
22 license by reciprocity;  
23 4. Is of good moral character;  
24 5. Has passed the examination given by the board on the subjects set  
25 forth in subsection 2 of NRS 642.090 or the national examination given by  
26 the *International* Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards ; ~~to~~  
27 ~~the United States;~~  
28 6. Possesses knowledge of the applicable statutes and regulations of  
29 this state governing embalmers; and  
30 7. Pays a fee not to exceed \$300 to the secretary of the board.  
31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 642.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
32 642.360 1. An application for a permit to operate a funeral  
33 establishment, a funeral director's license or a license to conduct direct  
34 cremations or immediate burials must be in writing and verified on a form  
35 provided by the board.  
36 2. Each applicant must be over 18 years of age and of good character.  
37 3. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, each*  
38 applicant for a funeral director's license must pass an examination given by  
39 the board upon the following subjects:  
40 (a) The signs of death.  
41 (b) The manner by which death may be determined.  
42 (c) The laws governing the preparation, burial and disposal of dead  
43 human bodies, and the shipment of bodies of persons dying from infectious  
44 or contagious diseases.  
45 (d) Local health and sanitary ordinances and regulations relating to  
46 funeral directing and embalming.  
47 (e) Federal regulations governing funeral practices.  
48 (f) *The laws and regulations of this state relating to funeral directing*  
49 *and embalming.*



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- 1     4. *An applicant who has passed the national examination given by*  
2 *the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, is*  
3 *not required to take any portion of the examination set forth in*  
4 *subsection 3 that repeats or duplicates a portion of the national*  
5 *examination.*  
6     5. The application must be accompanied by a fee not to exceed \$300.  
7     **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

