

65-1717. Assistant funeral director's license; qualifications; fees; application; registration; suspension or revocation of license; procedure; biennial renewal; rules and regulations. (a) The term "assistant funeral director" as herein used means a person who assists a duly Kansas licensed funeral director in one or more of the principal functions of funeral directing, and is actively engaged in such work. An assistant funeral director must be an employee of the funeral director under whom the employee is registered, and shall be a person to whom the funeral director delegates the responsibility of conducting funeral services and making interments.

(b) The state board of mortuary arts may, in its discretion, license assistant funeral directors to each Kansas licensed funeral director. Licensure as an assistant funeral director shall be separate and distinct from registration as an apprentice embalmer. The board may issue an assistant funeral director license on successful completion of an examination, the manner and form of which is to be determined by the board, and upon the payment of the application fee which shall include the license fee for the current year or portion thereof, and such application and license fee shall be in the amount fixed by the board in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1727, and amendments thereto. The renewal fee shall be in the amount fixed by the board in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1727, and amendments thereto. Before issuing a license to an applicant for an assistant funeral director's license, the board shall require satisfactory proof that the applicant is capable and trustworthy to act as such and that the applicant is a person of good moral character and temperate habits, has a good standing in the community and is qualified to engage in the business. In determining the moral character of any such applicant, the board shall take into consideration any felony conviction of such person, but such conviction shall not automatically operate as a bar to licensure. Each person applying for an assistant funeral director's license shall make application and be recommended in writing on forms provided by the board. The application shall show that the applicant is at least 17 years of age and has graduated from an accredited high school or has obtained the equivalent of a high school education as determined by the state department of education before such license can be issued to the applicant. Upon issuing a license to an assistant funeral director, as herein provided, the board shall cause the licensee to be registered in the office of the secretary of the board under the supervision of the Kansas licensed funeral director by whom such licensee is employed and under whom such licensee is registered. The funeral director under whom the assistant funeral director has been registered must immediately notify the secretary of the board when the licensee has left the director's employ. Upon the reemployment of the licensee by any other funeral director, such licensee shall be reinstated by the board and receive credit on their apprenticeship for the period of time the licensee had theretofore served as an apprentice. The work of an assistant funeral director shall at all times be under the supervision and control of the Kansas licensed funeral director under whom the licensee is registered. Licenses of assistant funeral directors may be suspended or revoked, or the board may refuse to issue or renew the same, for any of the reasons and in the manner stated herein for funeral directors' licenses. Any such license suspension or revocation action shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(c) The expiration date of each license shall be established by rules and regulations of the board. Subject to the provisions of this section, each license shall be renewable on a biennial basis upon the filing of a renewal application prior to the expiration date of the license and upon payment of the renewal fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1727, and amendments thereto. To provide for a system of biennial renewal of licenses, the board may provide by rules and regulations that licenses issued or renewed may expire less than two years from the date of issuance or renewal. In each case in which a license is issued or renewed for a period of time less than two years, the board shall prorate to the nearest whole month the license or renewal fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1727, and amendments thereto.

(d) The examination and education requirements set forth in subsection (b) shall not apply to any person holding a valid assistant funeral director's license as of December 31, 2007, or to registered apprentice funeral directors.

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