**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑19‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN EMBALMER OR FUNERAL DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO INCLUDE AN ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE IN MORTUARY SCIENCE FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM IN MORTUARY SCIENCE AND A BACHELOR’S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR A PERSON SEEKING INITIAL LICENSURE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑19‑230(B)(3) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(3) has a high school education or the equivalent of a high school education and has a minimum of two years of successful attendance at an accredited academic college or successful completion of a regular course of not less than one year, twelve scholastic months, in an accredited mortuary college provided, however, that a person seeking initial licensure as a funeral director after December 31, 2013, must instead have a high school education or the equivalent of a high school education and a minimum of an associate’s degree in mortuary science and a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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