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Summary: Board of Funeral Services continuing education requirements

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Committee Report

April 24, 2025

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Introduced by Senators Davis, Massey and Johnson

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The committee on Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 583) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 40‑19‑250, relating to continuing education hours required for licensees of the Board of Funeral Examiners, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

THOMAS DAVIS for Committee.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑19‑250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINIUNG EDUCATION INSTRUCTION, AND TO DEFINE “PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 40‑19‑250 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40‑19‑250. (A) The board shall develop in regulation a continuing education program and each licensee must attend a minimum of four credit hours annually, of which one credit hour must be an ethics in funeral service course. This continuing education program must be offered, at a minimum, four times a year at locations easily accessible to participants. Three of the four required hours must be available through correspondence courses, with at least two of the four hours requiring the physical attendance of the licensee.Physical attendance of a licensee is required for two of the four required hours but is not required for the remaining two required hours.

(B) For purposes of this section, “physical attendance”:

(1) means being physically present in person on the site of a designated physical location to receive continuing education instruction; and

(2) excludes virtual, remote, correspondence, or other instructional formats that do not satisfy the requirements of item (1).

(C) This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is not the manager of record of a funeral home, funeral establishment, or mortuary if the person has been licensed for thirty or more years and is sixty years old or older.

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

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