Chapter 7. License

§701. Renewal and Reinstatement

A. All individual funeral director or embalmer and funeral director licenses issued by the board shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of each year and must be renewed on or before that date. All establishment licenses and the annual report of prepaid funeral services or merchandise shall also expire on the thirty-first day of December and must be renewed on or before that date. Applications for renewal of licenses must be made to the secretary of the board upon forms furnished by said board and must be accompanied by a renewal fee as established by the board.

B. Application for renewal of a funeral director or an embalmer and funeral director license and establishment license may be submitted to the board any time after October 1 of each year. When a licensed funeral establishment or individual licensee renew the license, should the check be deficient in any manner, the license shall be considered as non issued and a new application and fee must be submitted.

C. When the holder of an embalmer and funeral director or funeral director license has failed to renew his license on or before December 31 of each year, said license shall lapse and a new application and fee must be submitted. In any event, no license will be reinstated without a payment of all fees delinquent from date of lapse to date of reinstatement. Applicant may also be required to take a written Louisiana laws and regulations test.

D. When a licensed funeral establishment fails to renew its license on or before December 31 of each year, said license shall lapse. However, same may be reinstated provided that the applicant shall submit to an inspection; and, if the board is satisfied that the applying funeral establishment meets all requirements, it shall issue a license for the remaining portion of the current year upon payment of the application fee as established by the board.

E. As all license applications for an embalmer and funeral director, funeral director, or funeral establishments are received, the board will process same in a timely fashion and will begin mailing the licenses to the individuals and establishments so applying no later than December 15 of each year.

F. All individual crematory retort operator licenses issued by the board shall expire on the fifteenth day of May of each year and must be renewed on or before that date. All crematory licenses issued by the board shall also expire on the fifteenth day of May and must be renewed on or before that date. Applications for renewal of licenses must be made to the secretary of the board upon forms furnished by said board and must be accompanied by a renewal fee as established by the board.

G. Application for renewal of a crematory retort operator or crematory license may be submitted to the board anytime after February 15 of each year. When a licensed crematory or individual crematory retort operator renews the license, should the check be deficient in any manner, the license shall be considered as non issued and a new application and fee must be submitted.

H. When a crematory retort operator has failed to renew his license on or before May 15 of each year, said license shall lapse. If the crematory retort operator has failed to renew within the specified time, the license shall be considered as non issued and a new application and fee must be submitted. In any event, no license will be reinstated without a payment of all fees delinquent from date of lapse to date of reinstatement.

I. When a crematory has failed to renew its license on or before May 15 of each year, said license shall lapse. However, same may be reinstated provided that the applicant shall submit to an inspection; and, if the board is satisfied that the applying crematory meets all requirements, it shall issue a license for the remaining portion of the current year upon payment of the application fee as established by the board.

J. As all crematory retort operator and crematory authority applications are received, the board will process same in a timely fashion and will begin mailing the licenses to the individuals and the crematories so applying no later than May 1 of each year.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Adopted in accordance with R.S. 37:840.


§703. Duplicate Certificate

A. Any person holding a certificate issued by this board and desiring a duplicate thereof, may obtain same from the secretary of the board upon application accompanied by a fee as established by the board.

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§705. License Not Assignable

A. No license shall be assignable or valid for any other person other than the original licensee. A corporation or firm may engage in funeral directing or embalming and hold out to the public that it is engaged in the business of funeral directing or embalming, when and only when, all embalming and funeral directing is performed by or under the direct and personal supervision of an embalmer or funeral director, duly licensed hereunder.

B. No individual licensed by this board shall be employed to perform the services of funeral directing or embalming as defined in R.S. 37:831 in any capacity for an establishment not licensed in this state.

C. No individual licensed by this board shall be employed to perform the services of cremation as defined in R.S. 37:831 in any capacity for a crematory not licensed in this state.

D. A corporation or firm may engage in the business of cremation and represent that it is engaged in the business of cremation, when and only when, all cremations are performed by or under the direct and personal supervision of a retort operator, duly licensed hereunder.

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§707. Reciprocal License Requirements

A. Any person desiring a temporary license for an embalmer and funeral director or funeral director license shall, before practicing, make application on forms furnished by the board. Said application shall be accompanied by a temporary license fee as established by the board, which is not refundable. If applicant meets all requirements, the secretary shall issue a temporary license. The board cannot, at its discretion, extend the temporary license period.

B. The temporary license entitles the licensee to practice embalming and/or funeral directing in this state. However, it shall become null and void if the original license is revoked, suspended, or lapsed.
