



SENATE BILL 138: Funeral Director Exam/Death Certificates.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	July 26, 2022
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jason Moran-Bates Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2022-63		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2022-63 adds a definition for "entry level examination in funeral directing" to G.S. 90-210.20, allows greater flexibility granting North Carolina licenses to individuals who are licensed as funeral directors in other states, allows more time for individuals selling preneed funeral contracts to pay their fees to the Board of Funeral Services, requires local health departments and registers of deeds to accept paper death certificates through August 31, 2022, and creates a penalty to be assessed against individuals who do not certify death records through the electronic system.*

The portions of the act pertaining to funeral directors and contracts become effective October 1, 2022. The remainder of the act became effective July 8, 2022.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The portion of the act dealing with funeral directing and contracts adds a definition of "entry level examination in funeral directing" to the list of definitions in G.S. 90-210.20. It also allows the Board of Funeral Service to license individuals as funeral directors if those individuals had been licensed in other states for at least 10 years, regardless of whether the state of licensure has reciprocity with North Carolina. Finally, it extends the time period for individuals selling preneed funeral contracts to pay their fees to the Board of Funeral Service by 30 days if the individuals reside in a county that is under a state of emergency.

The portion of the act dealing with death records requires registers of deeds and local health departments to accept paper death certificates through August 31, 2022. It also allows individuals who knowingly fail to use the electronic death registration system after September 1, 2022, to be assessed a \$250 penalty.

BACKGROUND: The [North Carolina Database Application for Vital Events \(NCDAVE\)](#) was rolled out as an 8-county pilot program in 2020. A full statewide phased rollout was implemented throughout 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The definitional and reciprocity portions of this act will be effective October 1, 2022. The remainder of the act became effective July 8, 2022.

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