

HB 668 -- Licensure of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill changes the laws regarding the licensure of funeral directors and embalmers. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows an individual with a general equivalency diploma to be eligible for a license as a funeral director or an embalmer;
- (2) Removes the requirement that a licensee be a Missouri resident or a resident of a county which borders Missouri;
- (3) Removes the provision requiring an applicant for an embalmer's license to graduate from an accredited institute of mortuary science education and instead requires him or her to complete a program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or another accrediting entity approved by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration;
- (4) Requires an applicant for a funeral director's or embalmer's license to complete at least a 12-consecutive-month apprentice program; and
- (5) Removes the provision requiring a funeral director or an embalmer to have his or her registration district recorded in the office of the local registrar of vital statistics.