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HOUSE BILL NO. 436

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## BY REPRESENTATIVE RITCHIE

FUNERALS & FUNERAL HOMES: Provides for changes to the qualifications for licensure by the La. State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

AN ACT

| 2  | To amend and reenact R.S. 37:842(A)(1) and 872(B)(1), relative to licenses issued by the |
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| 3  | Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors; to repeal the licensure        |
| 4  | requirement that a funeral director be a resident of Louisiana; to repeal the licensure  |
| 5  | requirement that a crematory retort operator be a resident of Louisiana; and to          |
| 6  | provide for related matters.   |
| 7  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:   |
| 8  | Section 1. R.S. 37:842(A)(1) and 872(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to           |
| 9  | read as follows:   |
| 10 | §842. Minimum qualifications for license   |
| 11 | A. Any applicant shall be qualified for license as funeral director if he:               |
| 12 | (1) Is a resident of Louisiana, and twenty-one years of age or at least                  |
| 13 | eighteen years of age and legally emancipated.   |
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| 15 | §872. Qualifications for licensure of a crematory retort operator; exception;            |
| 16 | compliance with other regulations  |
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| 18 | B. In order to receive a license as a crematory retort operator, a person shall          |
| 19 | meet all of the following requirements:  |
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1 (1) Be a resident of Louisiana, who is at least twenty-one years old, or is at 2 least eighteen years old and is legally emancipated. 3

## **DIGEST**

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Abstract: Repeals the licensure requirement that a funeral director be a resident of La. Repeals the licensure requirement that a crematory retort operator be a resident of

<u>Present law</u> provides that any applicant shall be qualified for license as funeral director if the applicant:

- Is a resident of La., and 21 years of age or at least 18 years of age and legally (1) emancipated.
- Is found to be of good moral character and temperate habits. (2)
- (3) Has successfully completed 30 semester hours in an accredited college or university.
- (4) Has served as an apprentice for a period of not less than one year in the state of La.
- Has paid the application fee. (5)
- Passes satisfactorily an examination to practice the profession of funeral directing. (6)

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the requirement that a funeral director be a resident of Louisiana.

Present law provides that, in order to receive a license as a crematory retort operator, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident of La. who is at least 21 years old or is at least 18 years old and is (1) legally emancipated.
- (2) Is found to be of good moral character and possesses temperate habits.
- (3) Is a graduate of a high school as evidenced by a diploma or general education development certificate.
- (4) Has successfully completed a required training course.
- (5) Has submitted evidence of the attainment of all necessary licenses and permits as required by the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.
- (6) Has submitted the appropriate application along with the appropriate license fee.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the requirement that a crematory retort operator be a resident of La.

(Amends R.S. 37:842(A)(1) and 872(B)(1))

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