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Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Permits and Registration Required to Remove and Transport Human Remains

FOR the purpose of requiring a mortuary transport service to hold a permit issued by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors before removing or transporting human remains in this State; authorizing the Board to restrict the operations of certain permit holders; establishing certain application requirements for obtaining a permit; requiring a mortuary transport service to meet certain standards to qualify for a permit; requiring permit holders to use vehicles that have passed an inspection by certain inspectors; requiring certain permit holders to employ only certain registered transporters for certain purposes; establishing the term and procedures for the renewal of a permit; requiring that certain signs and advertisements display the name that appears on a permit; requiring that individuals employed by certain permit holders be registered with the Board before removing and transporting human remains; establishing certain requirements for obtaining registration; requiring the Board to register an individual who meets certain standards; requiring that registered transporters treat certain decedents with certain dignity and display a certain permit; authorizing the Board to deny a permit or registration to an applicant, reprimand a permit holder or registered transporter, or suspend or revoke a permit or registration under certain circumstances; providing for certain criminal and civil penalties; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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1	State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors and requiring permits and
2	registration for removing and transporting human remains.
3	BY renumbering
4	Article – Health Occupations
5	Section 7–601 and 7–602, respectively, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Short Title;
6	Termination of Title"
7	to be Section 7–701 and 7–702, respectively, and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Short Title; Termination of Title"
8	Annotated Code of Maryland
10	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
1	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12	Article – Health Occupations
13	Section 7–101(a), (d), (k), (l), and (p)
4	Annotated Code of Maryland
15	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
16	BY adding to
L 7	Article – Health Occupations
18	Section 7–601 through $\frac{7-606}{7-607}$ to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6.
19	Mortuary Transport Services"
20	Annotated Code of Maryland
21	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
22	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23	MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-601 and 7-602, respectively, and the subtitle "Subtitle
24	6. Short Title; Termination of Title" of Article – Health Occupations of the Annotated
25	Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-701 and 7-702, respectively, and
26	the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Short Title; Termination of Title".
27	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
28	read as follows:
29	Article - Health Occupations
30	7–101.
00	1–101.
31	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
32	(d) "Board" means the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral
33	Directors.
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34	(k) "Funeral establishment" means any building, structure, or premises from
35	which the business of practicing mortuary science is conducted.
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(1) "Human remains" means:

1	(i) The body of a deceased person; or
2 3	(ii) A part of a body or limb that has been removed from a living person.
4 5	(2) "Human remains" includes the body or part of a body or limb in any state of decomposition.
6 7	(p) "Licensed funeral establishment" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a funeral establishment that is licensed by the Board.
8	SUBTITLE 6. MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICES.
9	7–601.
10 11	(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
12 13 14 15	(B) (1) "MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT, FOR COMPENSATION, REMOVES AND TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS OR EMPLOYS A TRANSPORTER TO REMOVE OR TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS.
16	(2) "MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE 4:
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20 21	(II) A CEMETERY OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A CEMETERY THAT REMOVES OR TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
22	CEMETERY.
23 24	(C) "PERMIT" MEANS A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO THE OWNER OF A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE TO OPERATE IN THE STATE.
25 26	(D) "PERMIT HOLDER" MEANS A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE THAT HOLDS A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD.
27 28	(E) "REGISTERED TRANSPORTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OF A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE WHO HAS REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD

TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS.

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- 1 (F) "REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS" MEANS TO REMOVE 2 HUMAN REMAINS FROM ONE LOCATION AND TRANSPORT THE HUMAN REMAINS 3 TO ANOTHER LOCATION.
- 4 (G) "TRANSPORTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REMOVES AND 5 TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS.
- 6 **7–602.**
- 7 (A) (1) A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE SHALL BE ISSUED A 8 PERMIT BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE MAY 9 REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS IN THIS STATE.
- 10 (2) A PERMIT HOLDER MAY BE RESTRICTED TO OPERATIONS TO
 11 REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.
- 12 **(B) (1)** TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT, A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE 13 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD:
- 14 (I) AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD 15 REQUIRES;
- 16 (II) AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND
- 17 (III) EVIDENCE THAT THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE
 18 HOLDS A BOND AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR HAS THE ABILITY TO SECURE A
 19 BOND IS BONDED AND CARRIES LIABILITY INSURANCE THAT COVERS EACH
 20 REGISTERED TRANSPORTER EMPLOYED BY THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT
 21 SERVICE.
- 22 (2) AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL BE SIGNED BY AN 23 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE OWNER OR A CO-OWNER OF THE MORTUARY 24 TRANSPORT SERVICE TO BE ISSUED A PERMIT.
- 25 (C) TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMIT, A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE 26 SHALL SATISFY THE BOARD THAT THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE:
- 27 (1) HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL 28 LAWS;
- 29 **(2)** WILL BE OWNED AND OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS 30 SUBTITLE; AND

- 1 (3) WHILE THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE REMOVES AND 2 TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS, WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 3 TREATMENT OF THE HUMAN REMAINS.
- 4 (D) (1) A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL USE VEHICLES THAT HAVE PASSED
 5 AN INSPECTION BY AN INSPECTOR DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD WHILE THE
 6 PERMIT HOLDER REMOVES AND TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS.
- 7 (2) A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL EMPLOY ONLY REGISTERED 8 TRANSPORTERS TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS.
- 9 **(E) (1) (I) A** PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL EXPIRE 10 ON THE DATE SET BY THE BOARD.
- 11 (II) A PERMIT MAY NOT BE RENEWED FOR A TERM LONGER 12 THAN 2 YEARS.
- 13 **(2)** A PERMIT HOLDER MAY RENEW A PERMIT FOR ADDITIONAL 14 TERMS, IF THE PERMIT HOLDER:
- 15 (I) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:
- 16 AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND
- 2. AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND
- 19 (II) COMPLIES WITH ANY OTHER RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS 20 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.
- 21 (F) SIGNS AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR A MORTUARY TRANSPORT 22 SERVICE SHALL DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE AS 23 IT APPEARS ON THE PERMIT.
- 24 **7–603.**
- 25 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE 26 REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD AS A TRANSPORTER BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL 27 MAY REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS.
- 28 **(B)** TO REGISTER AS A TRANSPORTER, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL SUBMIT 29 TO THE BOARD:

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REGISTRATION;

$1\\2$	(1) A SIGNED APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND
3	(2) A REGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD;
4 5	(3) (2) EVIDENCE OF THE COMPLETION OF COURSEWORK RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD; AND
6 7	(4) EVIDENCE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS BONDED AND CARRIES LIABILITY INSURANCE.
8	(C) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:
9	(1) HOLDS A VALID MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND
10 11	(2) HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.
12 13 14	(D) WHILE A REGISTERED TRANSPORTER REMOVES AND TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS OR OTHERWISE ACTS IN THE CAPACITY OF A REGISTERED TRANSPORTER, THE REGISTERED TRANSPORTER SHALL:
15	(1) TREAT EVERY DECEDENT WITH THE UTMOST DIGNITY; AND
16 17 18	(2) PROMINENTLY DISPLAY ON THEIR PERSON THE PERMIT FOR THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR WHICH THE TRANSPORTER IS EMPLOYED.
19	7–604.
20	SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 7-319 OF THIS TITLE, THE
$\frac{1}{21}$	BOARD MAY DENY A PERMIT OR REGISTRATION TO ANY APPLICANT
22	REPRIMAND ANY PERMIT HOLDER OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER, PLACE ANY
23	PERMIT HOLDER OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND
24	OR REVOKE ANY PERMIT OR REGISTRATION IF THE APPLICANT, PERMIT
25	HOLDER, OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER:
26	(1) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO

29 (2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A PERMIT OR

REGISTERED TRANSPORTER, OR ANOTHER;

OBTAIN A PERMIT OR REGISTRATION FOR THE APPLICANT, PERMIT HOLDER,

- 1 (3) COMMITS FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION WHILE THE 2 APPLICANT, PERMIT HOLDER, OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER REMOVES AND 3 TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS;
- 4 (4) IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE
 5 TO A FELONY OR TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, WHETHER OR NOT
 6 ANY APPEAL OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS PENDING TO HAVE THE CONVICTION OR
 7 PLEA SET ASIDE;
- 8 (5) AIDS OR ABETS AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS;
- 10 (6) ADVERTISES FALSELY OR IN A MISLEADING MANNER;
- 11 (7) SOLICITS TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS,
- 12 EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY AN AGENT, FROM A DYING INDIVIDUAL OR THE
- 13 RELATIVES OF A DEAD OR DYING INDIVIDUAL, OTHER THAN THROUGH GENERAL
- 14 ADVERTISING;
- 15 (8) EMPLOYS, PAYS, OR OFFERS TO PAY A "CAPPER", "STEERER",
- 16 "SOLICITOR", OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO OBTAIN BUSINESS, EITHER IN
- 17 GENERAL OR FOR A PERMIT HOLDER OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER;
- 18 (9) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAYS OR OFFERS TO PAY TO 19 OBTAIN BUSINESS TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS;
- 20 (10) SOLICITS OR ACCEPTS ANY PAYMENT OR REBATE FOR
- 21 RECOMMENDING ANY CREMATORY, MAUSOLEUM, OR CEMETERY OR CAUSING
- 22 HUMAN REMAINS TO BE DISPOSED OF THERE;
- 23 (11) REFUSES TO SURRENDER CUSTODY OF HUMAN REMAINS ON
- 24 THE DEMAND OF A PERSON WHO IS ENTITLED TO THEIR CUSTODY;
- 25 (12) SELLS OR OFFERS TO SELL ANY SHARE, CERTIFICATE, OR
- 26 INTEREST IN A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE WITH A PROMISE OR OFFER TO
- 27 PERFORM SERVICES TO THE BUYER AT A COST LESS THAN THAT OFFERED TO
- 28 THE GENERAL PUBLIC;
- 29 (13) VIOLATES ANY STATE, MUNICIPAL, OR COUNTY LAW, RULE,
- 30 OR REGULATION ON THE HANDLING, CUSTODY, CARE, OR TRANSPORTATION OF
- 31 HUMAN REMAINS OR THE DISPOSAL OF INSTRUMENTS, MATERIALS, AND WASTES
- 32 RELEVANT TO PREPARATION OF HUMAN REMAINS FOR FINAL DISPOSITION;

1	(14) REMOVES AND TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS UNDER A NAME
2	OTHER THAN THE NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE PERMIT OR REGISTRATION OF
3	THE PERMIT HOLDER OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER:

- 4 (15) SIGNS AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT OR REGISTRATION IF
 5 THE SIGNER KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT GROUNDS EXISTED FOR
 6 WHICH THE PERMIT OR REGISTRATION LATER WAS DENIED, SUSPENDED, OR
 7 REVOKED;
- 8 (16) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR OF ANY 9 OTHER LAW RELATING TO REMOVING AND TRANSPORTING HUMAN REMAINS;
- 10 (17) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING OR DISCIPLINARY
 11 AUTHORITY OF ANY OTHER STATE OR COUNTRY OR CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED
 12 BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS
 13 FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;
- 14 (18) WILLFULLY MAKES OR FILES A FALSE REPORT OR RECORD FOR A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE;
- 16 (19) WILLFULLY FAILS TO FILE OR RECORD ANY REPORT AS
 17 REQUIRED UNDER LAW, WILLFULLY IMPEDES OR OBSTRUCTS THE FILING OR
 18 RECORDING OF THE REPORT, OR INDUCES ANOTHER TO FAIL TO FILE OR
 19 RECORD THE REPORT;
- 20 (20) SUBMITS A FALSE STATEMENT TO COLLECT A FEE;
- 21 (21) PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHILE:
- 22 (I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR
- 23 (II) USING ANY NARCOTIC OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS 24 SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN § 5–101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR 25 OTHER DRUG THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THERAPEUTIC AMOUNTS OR WITHOUT 26 VALID MEDICAL INDICATION;
- 27 (22) VIOLATES ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE 28 BOARD:
- 29 **(23)** Is professionally, physically, or mentally 30 incompetent;
- 31 (24) COMMITS AN ACT OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT WHILE 32 REMOVING AND TRANSPORTING HUMAN REMAINS;

- 1 (25) REFUSES, WITHHOLDS FROM, DENIES, OR DISCRIMINATES
- 2 AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL
- 3 SERVICES FOR WHICH THE PERMIT HOLDER OR REGISTERED TRANSPORTER IS
- 4 QUALIFIED TO RENDER BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL IS HIV POSITIVE;
- 5 (26) EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION
- 6 WHERE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICABLE, FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE
- CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S GUIDELINES ON 7
- 8 UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS:
- 9 (27) TAKES HUMAN REMAINS OUT OF THE STATE TO A FUNERAL
- ESTABLISHMENT, MORTUARY, OR CREMATORY NOT PERMITTED TO BE 10
- INSPECTED BY THE BOARD: 11
- 12 (28) (27) REMOVES HUMAN REMAINS FROM A DEATH SCENE,
- 13 MORTUARY, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR **CREMATORY WITHOUT**
- AUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY IN CUSTODY OF THE HUMAN 14
- 15 **REMAINS:**
- 16 (29) (28) Removes and transports human remains, either
- 17 FREE OF CHARGE OR FOR COMPENSATION, TO AN ENTITY WHERE THE HUMAN
- REMAINS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE HELD; OR 18
- 19 $\frac{(30)}{(29)}$ REMOVES AND TRANSPORTS HUMAN REMAINS WITHOUT
- 20 RESPECT FOR THE DECEDENT OR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.
- 7-605. 21
- 22(1) UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY HOLDS A CURRENT
- PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL OR 23
- ENTITY MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC BY NAME, DESCRIPTION OF 24
- SERVICES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES, OR OTHERWISE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL 25
- 26 OR ENTITY IS A PERMIT HOLDER.
- UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY HOLDS A CURRENT 27
- 28PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL OR
- 29ENTITY MAY NOT USE THE WORDS "PERMITTED MORTUARY TRANSPORT
- 30 SERVICE" OR "MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE" WITH THE INTENT TO
- REPRESENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE AS 31
- 32 A PERMIT HOLDER.
- 33 UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL IS REGISTERED BY THE BOARD (B) **(1)**
- UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC 34

- 1 BY NAME, DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES, OR 2 OTHERWISE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A REGISTERED TRANSPORTER.
- 3 (2) Unless an individual is registered by the Board
- 4 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT USE THE TERMS
- 5 "REGISTERED TRANSPORTER" OR "TRANSPORTER" WITH THE INTENT TO
- 6 REPRESENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE AS A
- 7 REGISTERED TRANSPORTER.
- 8 (C) (1) A MORTUARY TRANSPORT SERVICE OR TRANSPORTER MAY
 9 NOT OBTAIN A PERMIT OR REGISTRATION BY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT.
- 10 (2) ON CONVICTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR MAKING A FALSE
- 11 REPRESENTATION TO THE BOARD IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PERMIT OR
- 12 REGISTRATION, THE PERMIT OR REGISTRATION IS VOID.
- 13 (D) A PERMIT HOLDER IS LIABLE FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION
- 14 OF THIS SUBTITLE COMMITTED BY A REGISTERED TRANSPORTER IF:
- 15 (1) THE OWNER OR CO-OWNER OF THE MORTUARY TRANSPORT
- 16 SERVICE WAS A KNOWING PARTY TO THE VIOLATION; OR
- 17 (2) THE VIOLATION OCCURRED WHILE THE REGISTERED
- 18 TRANSPORTER WAS EMPLOYED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER.
- 19 **7–606.**
- A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY
- 21 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT
- 22 EXCEEDING \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.
- 23 **7–607.**
- 24 THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:
- 25 (1) IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- 26 (2) ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVING AND
- 27 TRANSPORTING HUMAN REMAINS.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 29 October 1, 2012.