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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; modifying requirements for mortuary science internships;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 149A.02, subdivision 26; 149A.20,  
1.4 subdivisions 6, 7.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.02, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 26. **Intern.** "Intern" means an individual ~~that~~ who: (1)(i) has met the educational  
1.8 and testing requirements for a license to practice mortuary science in Minnesota; (ii) has  
1.9 completed a mortuary science program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
1.10 Education; or (iii) is enrolled in a mortuary science program accredited by the American  
1.11 Board of Funeral Service Education; (2) has registered with the commissioner of health;  
1.12 and (3) is engaged in the practice of mortuary science under the direction and supervision  
1.13 of a currently licensed Minnesota mortuary science practitioner.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 6. **Internship.** (a) A person ~~who attains a passing score on both examinations in~~  
1.16 ~~subdivision 5~~ must complete a registered internship under the direct supervision of an  
1.17 individual currently licensed to practice mortuary science in Minnesota. ~~Interns must file~~  
1.18 ~~with the commissioner.~~ A person may begin the registered internship while the person is  
1.19 enrolled in a mortuary science program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
1.20 Education, upon completion of the accredited mortuary science program, or after attaining  
1.21 a passing score on both examinations in subdivision 5.

1.22 (b) An applicant for an internship must file with the commissioner:

- 2.1 (1) the appropriate fee; ~~and~~
- 2.2 (2) a registration form indicating the name and home address of the ~~intern~~, applicant;
- 2.3 the date the internship begins, ~~and~~; the name, license number, and business address of the
- 2.4 primary supervising mortuary science licensee; and the name, license number, and business
- 2.5 address of the alternate supervising mortuary science licensee, if applicable; and
- 2.6 (3) if the applicant is currently enrolled in a mortuary science program accredited by
- 2.7 the American Board of Funeral Service Education, a letter from the program specifying the
- 2.8 name and address of the program; verifying the applicant's enrollment, number of credit
- 2.9 hours completed, and anticipated graduation date; and specifying whether the applicant has
- 2.10 completed coursework in embalming and restorative arts.
- 2.11 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any changes in information provided in the registration must be immediately
- 2.12 reported to the commissioner. The internship shall be a minimum of 2,080 hours to be
- 2.13 completed ~~within a three-year period, however,~~ during enrollment in a mortuary science
- 2.14 program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, after graduation,
- 2.15 or both during enrollment and after graduation. However, the commissioner may waive up
- 2.16 to 520 hours of the internship time requirement upon satisfactory completion of a clinical
- 2.17 or practicum in mortuary science administered through the program of mortuary science of
- 2.18 the University of Minnesota or a ~~substantially similar~~ mortuary science program approved
- 2.19 ~~by the commissioner~~ accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.
- 2.20 Registrations must be renewed on an annual basis if they exceed one calendar year. During
- 2.21 the internship period, the intern must be under the direct supervision of a person holding a
- 2.22 current license to practice mortuary science in Minnesota. An intern may be registered under
- 2.23 only one registered primary supervising licensee and one registered alternate supervising
- 2.24 licensee at any given time and may be directed and supervised only by the registered primary
- 2.25 supervising licensee or registered alternate supervising licensee. The registered primary
- 2.26 supervising licensee shall have only one intern registered at any given time. The
- 2.27 commissioner shall issue to each registered intern a registration permit that must be displayed
- 2.28 with the other establishment and practice licenses. While under the direct supervision of
- 2.29 the registered primary supervising or alternate supervising licensee, the intern must complete
- 2.30 25 case reports in each of the following areas: embalming, funeral arrangements, and services.
- 2.31 An intern who has not completed coursework in embalming and restorative arts must be in
- 2.32 the physical presence of the primary or alternate supervising licensee in order to perform
- 2.33 surgical procedures and embalming. Case reports, on forms provided by the commissioner,
- 2.34 shall be completed by the intern and filed with the commissioner prior to the completion
- 2.35 of the internship. Information contained in these reports that identifies the subject or the

3.1 family of the subject embalmed or the subject or the family of the subject of the funeral  
3.2 shall be classified as licensing data under section 13.41, subdivision 2.

3.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 149A.20, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

3.4 Subd. 7. **Application procedure and documentation.** After completing the registered  
3.5 internship, the applicant for an initial license to practice mortuary science must submit to  
3.6 the commissioner a complete application and the appropriate fee. A complete application  
3.7 includes:

3.8 (1) a completed application form, as provided by the commissioner;

3.9 (2) proof of age;

3.10 (3) an official transcript from each post high school educational institution attended,  
3.11 including colleges of funeral service education;

3.12 (4) certification of a passing score on the National Board Examination from the  
3.13 commissioner of the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States,  
3.14 Inc.;

3.15 (5) a copy of the notification of a passing score on the state licensing examination; and

3.16 (6) a signed, dated, and notarized affidavit from the registered primary supervising  
3.17 licensee who supervised the Minnesota internship stating the date the internship began and  
3.18 ended and that both the applicant and the registered primary supervising licensee fulfilled  
3.19 the requirements under subdivision 6.

3.20 Upon receipt of the completed application and appropriate fee, the commissioner shall  
3.21 review and verify all information. Upon completion of the verification process and resolution  
3.22 of any deficiencies in the application information, the commissioner shall make a  
3.23 determination, based on all the information available, to grant or deny licensure. If the  
3.24 commissioner's determination is to grant licensure, the applicant shall be notified and the  
3.25 license shall issue and remain valid for a period prescribed on the license, but not to exceed  
3.26 one calendar year from the date of issuance of the license. If the commissioner's determination  
3.27 is to deny licensure, the commissioner must notify the applicant, in writing, of the denial  
3.28 and provide the specific reason for the denial.