

Embalmer Educational Requirements—Apprenticeships; HB 2262

HB 2262 amends educational requirements for embalmers, allowing students to complete 6 months of a required 12-month apprenticeship before enrolling in a mortuary science school.

Previously, an applicant for a license to practice embalming would complete a 12-month apprenticeship after graduation from a school of mortuary science. The bill authorizes an applicant for a license to practice embalming to complete the 12-month apprenticeship as either a:

- Full apprenticeship, with all 12 months being served after graduation from a school of mortuary science; or
- Split apprenticeship, with the 12-month period being split into 2 continuous 6-month periods. The bill requires the first 6-month period to be completed within 12 months prior to the individual's enrollment in the school of mortuary science, and the remaining 6 months after graduation.

An applicant completing a split apprenticeship must submit an examination approved by the Board of Mortuary Arts to be eligible for the second six-month period of the apprenticeship. Apprentice embalmers pursuing a split apprenticeship are required to practice under the direct personal supervision of a licensed embalmer for the first six months of their apprenticeship.