

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 584
HOUSE BILL 843

1 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OATH OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF
2 EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL
3 MEETING OF THE BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPRENTICESHIP IN
4 FUNERAL DIRECTING.

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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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8 **Section 1.** G.S. 90-205 and its caption are rewritten to read as follows:

9 **Oath of members.** The Board shall furnish each person elected to serve on the Board a
10 certificate of appointment, except the president of the State Board of Health. The persons
11 elected to the Board shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the usual oath of office, to
12 perform faithfully their duties, before some person authorized to administer oaths, on the day of
13 the annual meeting of the Board, which oath shall be filed with the Board.

14 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 90-207 is amended by striking from line three the word "July" and by
15 substituting in lieu thereof the word "January."

16 **Sec. 3.** G.S. 90-210.10 is amended by inserting the following in line eight, after the
17 semicolon following the word "discretion:"

18 "has completed a minimum of twelve months of service as an apprentice under the
19 supervision of a licensed and practicing funeral director, who shall make affidavit that the
20 applicant for a license has had such experience under him;"

21 **"Sec. 3a.** G.S. 90-210.10 is further amended by adding the following sentence,
22 following the period in line 10.

23 "Provided, however, in computing the apprenticeship service required by this Section the
24 Board shall give full credit for time served in other jurisdictions, either as an apprentice funeral
25 director or as a licensed and practicing funeral director, if in the opinion of the Board such
26 apprenticeship or practice is equivalent to the funeral directors apprenticeship otherwise
27 required by this Article."

28 **Sec. 4.** G.S. Chapter 90, Article 13 is amended by adding a new section, to be
29 designated as G.S. 90-210.13a, to provide as follows:

30 **G.S. 90-210.13a. Apprentices.** (a) Each apprentice in funeral directing, upon commencing his
31 apprenticeship as a funeral director, shall register as an apprentice with the secretary and pay
32 such fee as may be fixed by the Board. He shall notify the Board immediately upon completion
33 of his apprenticeship and as evidence thereof submit to the Board a sworn affidavit to that
34 effect, signed by the licensed funeral director under whom such apprenticeship was served or in
35 case of his death, arbitrary refusal, or incapacity, then by some reputable person having
36 knowledge of the facts.

37 (b) Whenever any person applying for a license under this Article as a funeral director
38 has served the whole or any part of the apprenticeship of practical experience required by this
39 Article, and his apprenticeship has been interrupted by service in any branch of the armed
40 services of the United States, then in all such cases, the applicant shall be given credit for the
41 time served in such apprenticeship as fully in all respects as if such service in the armed forces
42 had not caused an interruption in the period of practical experience required under this
43 Section."

- 1 **Sec. 5.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.
2 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall become effective July 1, 1969.
3 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May,
4 1969.