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FUNCD1 Executive Director's Authority and License Fee Changes

R.C. 4717.03, 4717.06, 4717.07, 4714.10

(1) No provision.

(1) Transfers the current law authority to hire inspectors from the Board to the Executive Director. Transfers the current law authority to hire Board staff from the Board to the Executive Director and allows the Executive Director to employ staff to provide any assistance the Board considers necessary rather than allowing only for technical and secretarial staff.

(2) No provision.

(2) Allows the Executive Director to enter a funeral home, embalming facility, or crematory facility for purposes of inspection if the Executive Director is accompanied by an inspector or to enter without an inspector if a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public exists.

(3) No provision.

(3) Eliminates the current law restriction on a funeral director supervising more than one funeral home.

(4) No provision.

(4) Increases the following fees for licenses issued by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors: (a) the initial or biennial renewal of an Embalmer's or Funeral Director's license, from \$140 to \$150, (b) the initial or biennial renewal of a license to operate a funeral home, from \$250 to \$350, (c) the initial or biennial renewal of a license to operate an embalming facility, from \$200 to \$350, (d) the initial or biennial renewal of a license to operate a crematory facility, from \$200 to \$350, and (e) the issuance of a duplicate license, from \$4 to \$10.

(5) No provision.

(5) Caps the fee for the reinstatement of a lapsed embalmer's or funeral director's license at \$1,000.

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(6) No provision.

(6) Requires that Ohio licenses issued to embalmers and funeral directors who are licensed in other states, and courtesy cards issued to funeral directors in bordering states, be issued and renewed biennially instead of annually as under current law.

Fiscal effect: Increasing license fees could result in revenue gains in years when Board-issued licenses must be renewed. Based on FY 2012 active licenses, these gains could exceed \$150,000. Licenses issued by the Board are renewed biennially during odd numbered fiscal years.