
BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

- Reestablishes the requirement that an individual obtain a crematory operator permit to perform cremations.
- Corrects an error in the law prohibiting the unauthorized removal of items from a body before or after cremation.

Reinstate crematory operator permit

(R.C. 4717.01, 4717.02, 4717.03, 4717.04, 4717.06, 4717.07, 4717.08, 4717.09, 4717.11, 4717.13, 4717.15, 4717.36, and 4717.41; Sections 2, 3, and 8 of H.B. 509 of the 134th G.A., amended in Sections 125.11 to 125.13)

The bill reestablishes the requirement that an individual obtain a crematory operator permit in order to perform cremations in Ohio. H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly repealed the permit, effective December 31, 2024, and instead required that a crematory operator maintain, and file with the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, an active certification from a national crematory operator certification program. The bill reverses that future repeal and the associated national certification requirement. It extends application of current law, which requires a prospective crematory operator to apply to the Board, submit an initial permit fee, prove that they are at least 18 years old, and provide evidence of completing a Board-approved crematory operation certification program.

Removal of items before or after cremation

(R.C. 4717.26)

Continuing law prohibits a crematory facility from removing dental gold, body parts, organs, or other items of value from a body before or after cremation, unless the removal is authorized by the cremation authorization form. The bill corrects an error in the law by adding a missing word.