activities of units of the organized militia, and no state owned armory shall be rented for a term longer than that which intervenes between regularly authorized formations of units of the organized militia using such armory. The revenue derived from armory rentals shall constitute a special fund from which the State Military Department shall pay, or cause to be paid, expenses incident to such use or maintenance and operation of armories.

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CHAPTER 126.

[ H.B. 232. ]

LICENSING OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS.

An Act relating to the licensing of funeral directors and embalmers; and amending section 3, chapter 108, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1947, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 108, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1947 is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. In order to obtain a license as a Funeral Director, the applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, of good moral character, and must have completed a course of not less than two years in an accredited college. The application must specify a fixed address at which the applicant proposes to engage or conduct a place of business as a Funeral Director in this state. The applicant must pass an examination in the following subjects: Funeral directing, the signs of death, the manner in which death may be determined, the preparation, burial, disposal and transportation of dead human
bodies, and the shipment of bodies of persons dying of contagious or infectious diseases: *Provided, however,* That any person who has been lawfully engaged in the business of funeral directing in this state continuously for a period of one (1) year or more prior to the 31st day of December, 1937, may register as such with the Director of Licenses, and upon payment of the license fee hereinafter specified, on or prior to said date, he shall thereupon be entitled to and receive a license as such for the year commencing January 1, 1938, but in case of failure so to register and pay said fee he can thereafter obtain a license only after an examination: *Provided further,* That the requirement that an applicant must have completed a course of not less than two (2) years in an accredited college shall not apply to anyone who was a licensed embalmer, or who was registered as an apprentice embalmer or who was attending an embalming college prior to June 11, 1947.

**Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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