

relevant market or effective area of competition shall not be limited by the boundaries of the state of Washington. To this end this act shall be liberally construed that its beneficial purposes may be served.

It is, however, the intent of the legislature that this act shall not be construed to prohibit acts or practices which are reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business or which are not injurious to the public interest, nor be construed to authorize those acts or practices which unreasonably restrain trade or are unreasonable per se.

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CHAPTER 402

[Substitute House Bill No. 68]

HUMAN REMAINS—STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

AN ACT Relating to the storage and disposal of human remains; amending RCW 18.39-.215, 18.39.175, 68.05.100, and 68.08.230; adding a new section to chapter 18.39 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 68.05 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 68.08 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that certain practices in storing human remains and in performing cremations violate common notions of decency and generally held expectations. In enacting this legislation, the legislature is reaffirming that certain practices, which have never been acceptable, violate principles of human dignity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If embalming services are not desired nor required for the type of arrangements chosen by the authorized family member or representative and a refrigeration unit is unavailable for use, embalming services shall be provided without charge in instances where the body is to be held more than twenty-four hours.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) A person authorized to dispose of human remains shall not cremate or cause to be cremated more than one body at a time unless written permission, after full and adequate disclosure regarding the manner of cremation, has been received from the person or persons under RCW 68.08.160 having the authority to order cremation.

(2) Violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 68.05 RCW to read as follows:

A permit or endorsement issued by the cemetery board or under chapter 18.39 RCW is required in order to operate a crematory or conduct a cremation. Conducting a cremation without a permit or endorsement is a

misdemeanor. Each such cremation is a separate violation. Crematories owned or operated by or located on property licensed as a funeral establishment shall be regulated by the board of funeral directors and embalmers. Crematories not affiliated with a funeral establishment shall be regulated by the cemetery board.

Sec. 5. Section 15, chapter 43, Laws of 1981 and RCW 18.39.215 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No licensed embalmer shall embalm a deceased body without first having obtained authorization from a family member or representative of the deceased.

Notwithstanding the above prohibition a licensee may embalm without such authority when after due diligence no authorized person can be contacted and embalming is in accordance with legal or accepted standards of care in the community, or the licensee has good reason to believe that the family wishes embalming. If embalming is performed under these circumstances, the licensee shall not be deemed to be in violation of the provisions of this subsection.

The funeral director or embalmer shall inform the family member or representative of the deceased that embalming is not required by state law, except that embalming is required under certain conditions as determined by rule by the state board of health.

(2) Any person authorized to dispose of human remains shall refrigerate or embalm the body within twenty-four hours upon receipt of the body, unless disposition of the body has been made. However, subsection (1) of this section and RCW 68.08.108 shall be complied with before a body is embalmed. Upon written authorization of the proper state or local authority, the provisions of this subsection may be waived for a specified period of time.

Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. Section 9, chapter 93, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as last amended by section 34, chapter 287, Laws of 1984 and RCW 18.39.175 are each amended to read as follows:

Each member of the board of funeral directors and embalmers shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in connection with board duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

The state board of funeral directors and embalmers shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To be responsible for the preparation, conducting, and grading of examinations of applicants for funeral director and embalmer licenses;

(2) To certify to the director the results of examinations of applicants and certify the applicant as having "passed" or "failed";

(3) To make findings and recommendations to the director on any and all matters relating to the enforcement of this chapter;

(4) To adopt, promulgate, and enforce reasonable rules. Rules regulating the cremation of human remains and establishing fees and permit requirements shall be adopted in consultation with the cemetery board; and

(5) To suspend or revoke any license, after proper hearing and notice to the licensee, if the licensee has committed any of the following:

(a) A crime involving moral turpitude and resulting in a conviction;

(b) Unprofessional conduct, which includes:

(i) Misrepresentation or fraud in the conduct of the business or the profession of a funeral director or embalmer;

(ii) False or misleading advertising as a funeral director or embalmer;

(iii) Solicitation of human dead bodies by the licensee, his agents, assistants or employees, whether the solicitation occurs after death or while death is impending. This chapter does not prohibit general advertising or the sale of pre-need funeral plans;

(iv) Employment by the licensee of persons known as "cappers," "steerers," or "solicitors" or other persons to obtain funeral directing or embalming business;

(v) Employment directly or indirectly of any person for the purpose of calling upon individuals or institutions by whose influence dead human bodies may be turned over to a particular funeral director or embalmer;

(vi) The buying of business by the licensee, his agents, assistants or employees, or the direct or indirect payment or offer of payment of a commission by the licensee, his agents, assistants, or employees, for the purpose of securing business;

(vii) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice funeral directing or embalming;

(viii) Solicitation or acceptance by a licensee of any commission or bonus or rebate in consideration of recommending or causing a dead human body to be disposed of in any crematory, mausoleum, or cemetery;

(ix) Using any casket or part of a casket which has previously been used as a receptacle for, or in connection with, the burial or other disposition of a dead human body without the written consent of next of kin;

(x) Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules in support thereof;

(xi) Violation of any state law or municipal or county ordinance or regulation affecting the handling, custody, care, or transportation of dead human bodies;

(xii) Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license;

(xiii) Refusing to promptly surrender the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to its custody;

(xiv) Selling, or offering for sale, a share, certificate, or an interest in the business of any funeral director or embalmer, or in any corporation, firm, or association owning or operating a funeral establishment, which

promises or purports to give to purchasers a right to the services of the funeral director, embalmer, or corporation, firm, or association at a charge or cost less than that offered or given to the public; or

(xv) Knowingly concealing information concerning a violation of this chapter;

(6) To adopt rules establishing mandatory continuing education requirements to be met by persons applying for license renewal.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 18.39 RCW to read as follows:

A permit or endorsement issued by the board or under chapter 68.05 RCW is required in order to operate a crematory or conduct a cremation. Conducting a cremation without a permit or endorsement is a misdemeanor. Each such cremation is a separate violation. Crematories owned or operated by or located on property licensed as a funeral establishment shall be regulated by the board of funeral directors and embalmers. Crematories not affiliated with a funeral establishment shall be regulated by the cemetery board.

Sec. 8. Section 36, chapter 290, Laws of 1953 and RCW 68.05.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The board may establish necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this title and the laws subject to its jurisdiction and prescribe the form of statements and reports provided for in this title: **PROVIDED, HOWEVER,** The board shall have no jurisdiction with regard to the provisions of chapter 68.48 RCW. Rules regulating the cremation of human remains and establishing fees and permit requirements shall be adopted in consultation with the state board of funeral directors and embalmers.

Sec. 9. Section 14, chapter 108, Laws of 1937 as amended by section 218, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 68.08.230 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any dead human body shall have been in the lawful possession of any person, firm, corporation or association for a period of one year or more, or whenever the incinerated remains of any dead human body have been in the lawful possession of any person, firm, corporation or association for a period of two years or more, and the relatives of, or persons interested in, the deceased person shall fail, neglect or refuse for such periods of time, respectively, to direct the disposition to be made of such body or remains, such body or remains may be disposed of by the person, firm, corporation or association having such lawful possession thereof, under and in accordance with ~~((such)) rules ((and regulations as may be made and promulgated by said director of licensing))~~ adopted by the cemetery board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers, not inconsistent with any statute of the

state of Washington or rule or regulation prescribed by the state board of health.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 2 and 3 of this act are added to chapter 68.08 RCW.

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CHAPTER 403

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 141]

TENTH GRADE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

AN ACT Relating to the tenth grade achievement test; amending RCW 28A.03.360; and creating a new section.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 98, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. as amended by section 8, chapter 278, Laws of 1984 and RCW 28A.03.360 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every school district is encouraged to test pupils in grade two by an assessment device designed or selected by the local school districts. This test shall be used to help teachers in identifying those pupils in need of assistance in the skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and language arts. The test results are not to be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, but are only to be used by the local school district.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and conduct, with the assistance of local school districts, a standardized achievement test to be given annually to all pupils in grade four. The test shall assess students' skill in reading, mathematics, and language arts and shall focus upon appropriate input variables. Results of such tests shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall make those results available annually to the legislature, to all local school districts and subsequently to parents of those children tested. The results shall allow parents to ascertain the achievement levels and input variables of their children as compared with the other students within the district, the state and, if applicable, the nation.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and conduct, with the assistance of local school districts, an assessment to be administered annually to all grade eight students. The purposes of the assessment are to assist students, parents, and teachers in the planning and selection of appropriate high school programs and courses for the students and to provide comparisons within the district, the state and, if applicable, the nation.