

# Occupational Boards and Licensing

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## **H529 - Amend Funeral Laws. (SL 2018-78)**

S.L. 2018-78 makes various changes to the laws pertaining to the practice of funeral service, many of which are technical, clarifying, or codifications of existing rules. Some of the more notable substantive changes include the following:

- Provides an exception to the prohibition against the simultaneous cremation of human remains of more than one person when the cremation is for (1) the human remains of multiple fetuses from the same mother and same birth, or (2) human remains of multiple persons up to the age of one year old from the same mother and the same birth. This provision became effective June 25, 2018.
- Authorizes the process of alkaline hydrolysis for the disposal of human remains. Generally, the license for the hydrolysis of human remains has the same requirements and fees as licensing of crematories, and the Board has the same powers over hydrolysis licensees.
- Requires unembalmed human remains retained in the custody of a funeral establishment for more than 24 hours be kept in a refrigeration unit.
- Requires individuals permitted to transport and remove dead human bodies for a fee to obtain and maintain a professional liability insurance policy with liability limits of at least \$500,000.
- Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly and willfully abuse, mutilate, or not treat with reasonable care a dead human body in that person's custody. This provision becomes effective December 1, 2018.

Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective October 1, 2018.

## **S711 - NC Farm Act of 2018.**

### **Sec. 15.1: Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Veterinarian Comity for World Equestrian Games. (SL 2018-113)**

Sec. 15.1 of S.L. 2018-113 allows any law enforcement agency in the State to enter into intergovernmental law enforcement mutual aid agreements with out-of-state law enforcement agencies or out-of-state law enforcement officers to aid in enforcing North Carolina laws within the jurisdiction of the requesting law enforcement agency for maintaining security for an international equestrian event. The agreement must be in writing and must contain certain provisions addressing standards of conduct, training requirements, and reimbursement of costs and expenses.

This section also provides that any nonresident veterinarian validly licensed in another state, territory, district of the United States, or foreign country may apply to the Veterinary Board for licensure to practice veterinary medicine. The Board must issue a license to practice veterinary medicine without written examination for no charge.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 25, 2018, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2018. This section became effective June 27, 2018, and expires October 1, 2018.