



DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING THE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

**Pursuant to the Executive Order of March 16, 2020 Relating to Various Healthcare Matters
No. MDH 2020-07-24-03**

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, for the prevention, control, and treatment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“SARS-CoV-2”) and the disease that it causes, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and on consideration of the recommendation of July 21, 2020 by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (“the Board”), do hereby direct and order the following:

- I. During the state of emergency as declared by the Governor, the Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (“the Board”) shall grant an application for a Mortician’s License without the necessity that the applicant take and pass the practical exam as presently required by Md. Code, Ann., Health Occ. §§ 7-303(b)(6) and 7-304(d)(2), and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.29.02.02.B(1) and 10.29.02.04.B only if:
 - a. The applicant has met all other requirements for licensure as set forth in Health Occ. § 7-301 *et. seq.*, COMAR 10.29.09.01 *et. seq.*, and all other applicable statutes and regulations;
 - b. The applicant assists in 20 embalmings under the direct supervision of his or her sponsor, or a delegate, as required by COMAR 10.29.09.03; and
 - c. The applicant’s sponsor sends to the Board a notarized statement attesting to the satisfactory completion of the required 20 embalmings performed by the applicant under the direct supervision of the sponsor or delegate.
- II. The foregoing authorization expires upon the cessation of the state of emergency in Maryland by the Governor.
- III. Any effect of MD Code Ann., Health Occupations Title § 7-301 *et. seq.*, COMAR 10.29.02.01 *et. seq.*, and COMAR 10.29.09.01 *et. seq.* inconsistent with the foregoing, is suspended for the duration of the state of emergency.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary