**Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses**

**COMAR 10.29.03 Inspection of Funeral Establishments and Funeral Service Businesses**

**Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors**

* *What do these regulations do?*

The purpose of this action is to update and clarify best practices to align with industry standards within the profession. The words “dead body” were removed throughout this chapter and were amended to “human remains.” Additionally, under:

**COMAR 10.29.03.02 Definitions**

Definitions were added for “funeral director”, “mortician”, and “practice mortuary science.”

**COMAR 10.29.03.03 License Required for Funeral Establishment**

This proposed regulation represents a clean-up of the current language. Also, upon the sale or change in ownership of a funeral establishment, the new owner shall notify the board within 14 days. The sign specifications displaying ownership of a funeral establishment are changed from a minimum of 5 x 11 to 8 ½ x 11, with letters not less than ½ inch high.

**COMAR 10.29.03.04 Inspection by the Board**

This regulation adds clarifying language.

**COMAR 10.29.03.05 Establishment Inspection Report and Deficiencies**

This regulation adds clarifying language such as adding the word “funeral” before the word “establishment.”

**COMAR 10.29.03.06 Inspection of Funeral Service Businesses**

**COMAR 10.29.03.07 Funeral Service Business Inspection Report and Deficiencies**

Both of these regulations have been repealed.

**COMAR 10.29.03.06 (previously .08) Penalties**

Clean-up language and citation corrections were made.

* *Who is subject to the new regulation?*

Licensed funeral directors, morticians and funeral establishment owners.

* *Why were the new regulations adopted?*

To clean-up the current language and repeal Regulations .06 and .07.

* *When are the regulations effective?*

The regulations will take effect 10 days after publication of the final notice in the *Maryland Register.*

* *Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?*

As the proposed regulations do not impose any additional requirements to licensees, no Board funding is necessary for implementation.

* *Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?*

No.

* *Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?*

Yes. Questions may be directed to the Board of Morticians’ Legislative and Regulations Chair, Michelle Kutta at (410) 764-4792 or to the board’s Legislation & Regulations Coordinator, Lillian Reese at (410) 764-5978 or lillian.reese@maryland.gov.