

House Bill 1193 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Smith of the 18th, Bentley of the 139th, Mathis of the 144th, Williams of the 145th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, so as to provide for
3 reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license under certain conditions; to remove the
4 limitations on renewals of apprenticeship registrations; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, is amended by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "43-18-43.1.

12 If a licensee who has passed the examination for licensure as a funeral director required
13 under this part and who has not been subject to disciplinary action by the board allows his
14 or her license to lapse for a period of not more than ten years, the board shall reinstate such
15 funeral director's license upon such applicant for reinstatement:

16 (1) Paying the total amount of all renewal fees for the period during which the license
17 was lapsed, plus a reinstatement fee not to exceed the amount of the biennial renewal fee;
18 and
19 (2) Successfully completing continuing education hours as the board may require under
20 Code Section 43-18-56, unless such continuing education hours would be waived under
21 subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-56, if such applicant for reinstatement had not let
22 the license lapse."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 43-18-51, relating to renewal of
25 registration of apprenticeship, as follows:

26 "43-18-51.

27 A registration of apprenticeship shall be renewable biennially upon payment of the renewal
28 fee as provided by the board ~~but shall not be renewed more than two times~~. Failure to
29 renew a registration shall be the same as a revocation and such apprentice may be
30 reregistered as provided in Code Section 43-18-54. The hours served after a registration
31 has been revoked will not be carried forth into any subsequent apprenticeship period."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-54, relating
34 to refusal to grant apprenticeship registration, grounds for suspension, revocation, limitation
35 of, or refusal to renew registration, and reregistration, as follows:

36 "(c) An apprentice who has failed to renew that person's registration or who has had that
37 person's registration suspended or revoked may, within one year after such expiration,
38 suspension, or revocation, make application for registration ~~but no more than two such~~
39 ~~applications may be approved by the board~~. An applicant for reregistration whose previous
40 apprenticeship was revoked for failure to renew may be granted full credit for the time

41 previously served prior to expiration. An applicant for reregistration whose previous
42 apprenticeship was suspended or revoked upon any of the grounds set forth in
43 subsection (b) of this Code section, however, may be granted credit for no more than 75
44 percent of the time previously served prior to the disciplinary action. In all other cases
45 regarding applicants for reregistration, the board may, when the circumstances warrant,
46 allow an apprentice credit under a reregistration for time actually served under a previous
47 registration."

48 **SECTION 4.**

49 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
50 without such approval.

51 **SECTION 5.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.