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

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

"43-18-43.1. If a licensee who has passed the examination for licensure as a funeral director required under this part and who has not been subject to disciplinary action by the board allows his or her license to lapse for a period of not more than ten years, the board shall reinstate such funeral director's license upon such applicant for reinstatement:

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(1) Paying the total amount of all renewal fees for the period during which the license was lapsed, plus a reinstatement fee not to exceed the amount of the biennial renewal fee; and 

(2) Successfully completing continuing education hours as the board may require under Code Section 43-18-56, unless such continuing education hours would be waived under subsection (c) of Code Section 43-18-56, if such applicant for reinstatement had not let the license lapse."

SECTION 2.

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

"43-18-51.

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 The hours served after a registration has been revoked will not be carried forth into any subsequent apprenticeship period."

SECTION 3.

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

"(c) An apprentice who has failed to renew that person's registration or who has had that person's registration suspended or revoked may, within one year after such expiration, suspension, or revocation, make application for registration but no more than two such applications may be approved by the board. An applicant for reregistration whose previous apprenticeship was revoked for failure to renew may be granted full credit for the time
previously served prior to expiration. An applicant for reregistration whose previous
apprenticeship was suspended or revoked upon any of the grounds set forth in
subsection (b) of this Code section, however, may be granted credit for no more than 75
percent of the time previously served prior to the disciplinary action. In all other cases
regarding applicants for reregistration, the board may, when the circumstances warrant,
allow an apprentice credit under a reregistration for time actually served under a previous
registration.”

SECTION 4.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
without such approval.

SECTION 5.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.