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Minutes of the August 19, 2020

The State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors' JCARR Rules Review Committee

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Section 4717.03 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors convened its regular meeting of the Board's JCARR Rules Review Committee to discuss the Board's business. The meeting was conducted by means of a teleconference call as permitted through a provision to the Open Meetings Act that permits members of public bodies to hold and attend meetings by means of electronic technology. The provision was enacted by the Ohio General Assembly through Substitute House Bill 197 in March 2020.

1. Convening of the Committee – Chairperson Nurre

Calling of the Roll

Chairperson Edward C. Nurre, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. Executive Director of the Board Cheryl Grossman took roll call for the meeting. The following committee members were in attendance of the meeting:

Edward C. Nurre, Jr.; Jon W. Rettig, Sr., William C. Wappner

Mr. Nurre welcomed all to the committee meeting. He announced that in recent past meetings the committee reviewed and discussed amendments to Chapter 4717. of the Ohio Administrative Code. Mr. Nurre stated that some changes were proposed in effort to aid in relieving some burden on licensees in maintaining compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements, particularly obtaining in-person hours during the current national COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nurre stated that his committee recommended amendments to the full board for their consideration. As a result, the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors approved the recommendation, and soon filed the proposed amendments to the Ohio Joint Agency on Rule Review (JCARR). He asked Executive Director of the Board Cheryl Grossman to comment on the process.

Ms. Grossman stated that the rules were filed with JCARR. She added that the JCARR Committee is scheduled to meet on September 21, 2020 to consider the Board's proposed amendments. Ms. Grossman went on to say that if that committee approves the request, the amended rules may be filed as early as October 5, 2020, with an effective date to be October 15, 2020. She announced that no problems were expected.

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William Wappner stated that the Board would need to approve the rules at its next available meeting. He questioned if the Board would need to call a special meeting because the amended rules will become effective on the 15th of October, and the Board convenes for its regular meeting one day before, on the 14th. Ms. Grossman responded that she would seek an answer to the question.

Ms. Grossman reported that she recently communicated with Ohio Senator Kirk Schuring about proposing amendments to Senate Bill 246. Senator Shuring S.B. 246 concerns occupational licensing reciprocity with states that issue similar licenses as Ohio. The bill was introduced to allow an out-of-state occupational license that authorizes the applicant to engage in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity, and at the same practice level, as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in the state of Ohio. The applicant must meet minimum requirements set by each occupational licensing authority and pay the established fee.

Ms. Grossman stated that the bill has not been met with open arms by all. Some licensing agencies have voiced concern about being required to issue a license or certification to applicants that do not meet standards needed to be met by in-state applicants. Most notably in the levels of education and experience. Ms. Grossman remarked that the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors does not want its standards to be seen as lower also.

Melissa Sullivan of Ohio Funeral Directors Association commented that she has met with legislators as well to discuss the bill.

William Wappner commented that the Kentucky Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors does not require a college degree as Ohio does. He added that some states only require an Associate 's Degree.

Director Grossman stated that the bill is moving quickly through committee and she is confident that the bill can be amended based on the many concerned licensing authorities offering input. She stated that if the Board would like to provide comment, they would need to do so soon.

Edward Nurre asked Melissa Sullivan if she were aware if the out-of-state applicant would be required to take the Ohio Laws, Rules & Regulations Exam (LRR). Ms. Sullivan replied that the applicant would need to take the exam before applying for a license.

Mr. Wappner asked if a motion to approve any recommendation of amendments from this Board would be needed at the regular meeting of the board. Ms. Grossman replied that it would.

Mr. Nurre asked aloud if there was any further discussion before the committee. There was none.

William Wappner moved for the committee to adjourn its meeting. The motion was seconded by Edward Nurre. All committee members voted "YES". Motion carried 3/0.

August 19, 2020 meeting of the JCARR Rules Review Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.