

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama. Those who applied by the deadline and will be admitted to the exam are the following:

Anthony J. Powell, Benjamin D. Simpson, Beverly B. Baker, Carole A. Burnett, Charles M. Cummings, Cody M. Burns, Dagmar G. Kyburz, Doris J.W. Brown, Earl L. Holt, Edith D. Gann, Edward E. Luker, Jacquez D. Thompson, Justin R. Harvest, Marcus T. Freeman, Micah L. Hohenberger, Michael A. Duncan, Regina R. Jones, Rodney T. Massey, Sean B. Perry, Serigo S. Andrews, Shane R. Carlisle, Taylor H. Hodge, III, Todd W. Van Beck, Tracy L. Charles, Tyler H. Berryhill, Van S. Moore, Veronica J. Croone, William E. Cooper, William L. Reed, William M. Grayson, Jr, Willie N. Pritchett.

The Conference

As stated in previous notices, the funeral director and embalmer exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. All applications may be obtained from our office but exam fees and applications will be submitted to The Conference, while the license fees, applications, and affidavits will be submitted to the Board office. Each applicant still must pass the state law exams given by the Board quarterly in Montgomery before being approved for licensing.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:
Birmingham: 205-982-2063
Decatur: 256-552-0667
Dothan: 334-671-7007
Mobile: 251-343-2601
Montgomery: 334-271-8995



The Board

The Board will hold its fourth regular meeting of fiscal year 2011 at 11a.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building. Anyone who would like to appear before the Board or have matters discussed should notify the Board office by July 20, 2011, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

RENEWAL TIME

The Board is currently in the process of preparing and mailing the license renewal applications for fiscal year 2012. Pursuant to *Code of Alabama, 1975*, Section 34-13-53(c), the Board shall mail renewal notices on or before August 1st, however renewal notices are normally mailed the week following July 4th. The notices are mailed to the last known address of the licensee. Because renewals are mailed the same time each year and the license expiration date is the same each year, failure to receive a notice does not excuse anyone from renewing by the October 1st deadline. If anyone has not received a renewal form by August 1st, they should notify the Board office at 334-242-4049 or you may visit the Board's website at fsb@alabama.com, click on the "Forms" tab and print the necessary renewal notice.

Forms

Many establishments and individuals have over the years retained copies of the many different forms used by the Board's office including renewal notices and continuously make copies and use the same forms over each year. **PLEASE** obtain a copy of and use the current forms. Some required information has been changed or updated.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED. Office staff will not be allowed to complete forms for the individuals or establishments. This includes Social Security numbers, date of birth, phone numbers, notary, etc.

Social Security Numbers

Each year, there are many phone calls questioning the request for an individual's Social Security number on the renewal applications. The Board does understand everyone's concern regarding the possibility of identity theft. Pursuant to *Code of Alabama, 1975*, Section 30-3-194 any agency charged with the administration of any law concerning the issuance or renewal of a license, certificate, permit or other authorization to engage in a profession or occupation shall require all applicants to provide their Social Security number. The Board is required by law to require Social Security numbers on applications and renewal applications.

Congratulations!

At its last meeting, the Board approved the following for licensure:

Funeral Director:

Beth W. Clark
 Amber L. Gilbert
 Derrious M. Hardy
 LaChaune N. Slater
 Angie R. Toney

Embalmer:

Ronny B. Wilson

Funeral Director & Embalmer:

Leo D. Gross
 Wilbert McClure

Renoll T. Morgan
 Marcus A. Nettles
 Michael A. White, II
 Matthew J. Woods

Establishment:

Brook's Family
 Funeral Home ~ Hueytown

Glen White Memorial
 Funeral Home ~ Uniontown

McCalla Memorial
 Funeral Home ~ McCalla

Serenity Chapel
 Birmingham

Valley Funeral Home
 Stevenson



*"When work,
 commitment, and
 pleasure all become
 one and you reach that
 deep well where
 passion lies, nothing is
 impossible."
 ~Unknown*

New Laws Effective October 1, 2011

During this year's regular annual sessions of legislators, Senate Bill 94 passed the Senate and the House of Representatives and was signed by Governor Bentley on June 9, 2011. Senate Bill 94 amended and made significant changes to the Alabama Funeral Service Law. The Board is in the process of amending the administrative rules and will hold an administrative rulemaking hearing at a date yet to be set. The following are just some of the changes to the Alabama Funeral Law as a result of Senate Bill 94:

§34-13-9 - Funeral service, cemetery service and funeral merchandise pricing shall conform to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission. (Link to the Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule - <http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus05-complying-funeral-rule>)

§34-13-11 - Revise who may serve as an authorizing agent for purpose of directing disposition and arranging for funeral service.

§34-13-12 - Further limit the liability of a funeral director who relies upon an authorized agent.

§34-13-26 - Provides a procedure for filing a complaint and procedure for conducting a hearing.

§34-13-51 - Allows the Board to issue a special work permit to an individual who qualifies for a license through reciprocity.

§34-13-52 - Requires all license to be on public display and the name of the managing funeral director, managing embalmer and the establishments Certificate of Authority number to be printed on the establishment license. Requires a licensee to carry their pocket licenses on them or be able to promptly produce their pocket licenses when performing the duties of funeral directing and/or embalming.

§34-13-56 - Increases the types of violations that are grounds for refusal to grant, refusal to renew, suspend or revoke a license including failure to cooperate with the board.

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§34-13-50 and §34-13-72 - Requires an individual seeking a funeral director's license to have completed a course and receive a certificate of graduation from an accredited mortuary or funeral service school.

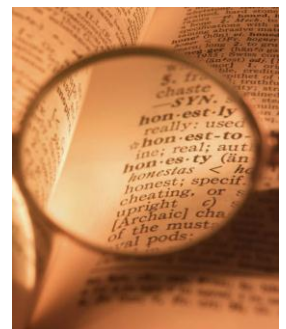
§34-13-73 and §34-13-94 - Increases the passing score on the state funeral director and embalmer's exam to 75%.

§34-13-113 – New establishments must present with their new establishment application pictures of the building, equipment and facilities of the establishment, must have a room that will accommodate a minimum of 100 people for a public viewing or funeral service. All establishments must have a display room containing a stock of adult caskets and funeral supplies displayed in full size, cuts, photographs, or electronic images. At no time shall less than eight different adult full size caskets and at least one operating and properly licensed funeral coach or hearse equipped for transporting human remains in a casket or urn be on the premises.

§34-13-113 – Makes provision for the operation of a mortuary service.

Senate Bill 94 also increased the maximum that can be charged by the Board on all fees and fines.

You may view Senate Bill 94 in its entirety by going online to fsb@alabama.gov and under "What's New" on the home page click Senate Bill 94.



“Change starts when someone sees the next step.”

~ William Drayton

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