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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1501-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 246, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1501-C is enacted to read:

§1501-C. Licensing of out-of-state licensees

1. Issuance of licenses. The board may issue a license to an applicant who holds an active and unrestricted license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements under this chapter and board rules, as long as the licensee has not been subjected to disciplinary action under that license.

2. Rulemaking. The board shall adopt rules to implement and administer the provisions of this section, including rules that define substantially similar license requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1506, sub-§§2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 117, §1, are amended to read:

2. Requirements. ~~As a prerequisite to renewal on or after January 1, 1993 of any license subject to this subchapter, licensees must~~ A licensee shall complete 12 hours of continuing education within 2 years prior to the date of renewal ~~in programs or courses approved by the board~~. The board may, for good cause shown, grant an extension of time to any person to allow that person to comply with this subchapter. No more than 6 of the 12 hours may be completed through online or distance learning programs.

3. Program approval. ~~Each application for approval of a continuing education program must be submitted according to the guidelines prescribed by the board.~~ The board may establish by rule criteria for the review and approval of courses and for the

determination of the number of continuing education hours to be credited for completion of each course or program.