# ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 494–COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

### (ON BEHALF OF THE SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE)

### MARCH 25, 2013

## Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada State Funeral Board. (BDR 54-573)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets {omitted material} is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Nevada State Funeral Board; revising provisions governing the Board and transferring its powers and duties to the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Nevada State Funeral Board licenses and regulates
 funeral directors, embalmers, apprentice embalmers, the owners of funeral
 establishments and certain persons who conduct cremations and burials. (Chapter
 642 of NRS) The Board also licenses and regulates the operators of crematories and
 cemeteries, and regulates certain aspects of the operation of cemeteries. (NRS
 451.635, 451.640, 452.026, 452.310-452.590)
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**Section 6** of this bill renames the Board as the Nevada Funeral Advisory Board, and **section 9** of this bill makes the Board purely advisory to the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, as recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. **Sections 7, 8, 13-80 and 84** of this bill, also upon recommendation of the Sunset Subcommittee, transfer the existing powers and duties of the Board to the Health Division, effective on January 1, 2014.

Existing law establishes certain procedural requirements for an administrative proceeding involving the holder of a license, certificate, permit or similar authorization issued by a regulatory body. (Chapter 622A of NRS) The Board is currently subject to some of those requirements, but the Health Division is entirely exempted from them unless it elects by regulation to comply with them. (NRS 622A.120, 642.075, 642.524, 642.570) Accordingly, sections 21, 59, 61 and 63-65 of this bill delete existing references to those requirements in the provisions





regulation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 642 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 1 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act. 2

Sec. 2. "Health Division" means the Health Division of the 3 **Department of Health and Human Services.** 4

Sec. 3. "Special regulatory authority" means any of the 5 powers and duties vested in the Health Division by this chapter, 6 NRS 451.065, 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, and sections 69 and 7 70 of this act, 452.026, 452.027 or 452.310 to 452.590, inclusive, 8 9 as applicable.

10 Sec. 4. 1. Any fees, fines or other money collected by the Health Division pursuant to its special regulatory authority, or by 11 a hearing officer or panel appointed pursuant to NRS 642.075: 12

(a) Must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for 13 separately in the State General Fund. 14

(b) May be used only to defray the necessary expenses 15 incurred by the Health Division in the exercise of its special 16 regulatory authority and to pay the salary, per diem and travel 17 expenses of members of the Board pursuant to NRS 642.030. 18

(c) Does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any 19 20 fiscal year.

2. Any interest or income earned on the account created 21 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be credited to the 22 account. Any claims against the account must be paid in the 23 24 manner that other claims against the State are paid.

The Administrator of the Health Division shall administer 25 3. 26 the account.

Sec. 5. NRS 642.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 28 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 642.010 to 642.0175, 29 inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of this act have the meanings 30 31 ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 6. NRS 642.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.010 "Board" means the Nevada [State] Funeral Advisory 33 Board. 34



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1 Sec. 7. NRS 642.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.019 Each holder of a license, permit or certificate issued
by the [Board] Health Division pursuant to [this chapter or chapter
451 or 452 of NRS] its special regulatory authority shall comply
with the provisions of Part 453 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal
Regulations.

Sec. 8. NRS 642.0195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 642.0195 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in 9 this chapter:

10 (a) An applicant for the issuance of a license to practice the 11 profession of embalming, a funeral director's license, a license to 12 conduct direct cremations or immediate burials or a certificate of 13 registration as an apprentice embalmer shall include the social 14 security number of the applicant in the application submitted to the 15 [Board.] *Health Division.* 

16 (b) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license to 17 practice the profession of embalming, a funeral director's license, a 18 license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials or a 19 certificate of registration as an apprentice embalmer shall submit to the **Board** Health Division the statement prescribed by the 20 Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of 21 22 Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant. 23

24 2. The **[Board]** *Health Division* shall include the statement 25 required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

26 (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted 27 for the issuance or renewal of the license or certificate of 28 registration; or

29 (b) A separate form prescribed by the [Board.] *Health Division*.

30 3. A license or certificate of registration described in
31 subsection 1 may not be issued or renewed by the [Board] Health
32 Division if the applicant:

(a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection1; or

(b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

40 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant 41 to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the 42 support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan 43 approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing 44 the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the 45 order, the **[Board]** *Health Division* shall advise the applicant to



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contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the 1 order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy 2 3 the arrearage. 4 **Sec. 9.** NRS 642.020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 642.020 1. The Nevada [State] Funeral Advisory Board, 5 consisting of five members appointed by the Governor, is hereby 6 7 created. 8 2. The Governor shall appoint: (a) One member who is actively engaged as a funeral director 9 10 and embalmer. (b) One member who is actively engaged as an operator of a 11 12 cemetery. 13 (c) One member who is actively engaged in the operation of a 14 crematory. 15 (d) Two members who are representatives of the general public. 16 3. No member who is a representative of the general public 17 may: 18 (a) Be the holder of a license or certificate issued by the **Board** 19 *Health Division* or be an applicant or former applicant for such a 20 license or certificate. 21 (b) Be related within the third degree of consanguinity or 22 affinity to the holder of a license or certificate issued by the [Board.] Health Division. 23 (c) Be employed by the holder of a license or certificate issued 24 25 by the **Board.** Health Division. A license or certificate issued by the Health Division, or an 26 application for such a license or certificate, is disqualifying pursuant to this subsection only if the license or certificate is 27 28 29 issued by the Health Division pursuant to its special regulatory 30 authority. 31 4. After the initial terms, members of the Board serve terms of 32 4 years, except when appointed to fill unexpired terms. The Chair of the Board must be chosen from the members of 33 the Board who are representatives of the general public. 34 35 6. The Board shall advise and make recommendations to the Health Division concerning the exercise of its special regulatory 36 37 authority. 38 **Sec. 10.** NRS 642.030 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39 642.030 1. Before entering upon their duties, the members of the Board shall respectively take and subscribe to the oath required 40 of other state officers. The Secretary of State is authorized to 41 administer the oath, and each oath must be filed in the Office of the 42 Secretary of State. 43 44 2 The members of the Board are entitled to receive.





(a) A salary of not more than \$150 per day, as fixed by the 1 2 Board, while engaged in the business of the Board; and

(b) A per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by 3 the Board, while engaged in the business of the Board. The rate 4 5 must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees 6 generally.

7 [3. While engaged in the business of the Board, each employee 8 of the Board is entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel 9 expenses at a rate fixed by the Board. The rate must not exceed the 10 rate provided for state officers and employees generally.] 11

**Sec. 11.** NRS 642.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 642.040 [1.] The members of the Board [shall have the 13 power to select from their number a President, a Secretary and a 14 Treasurer.

15 <u>-2.</u> may appoint a Secretary from among their number. The 16 Secretary shall keep [:

17 (a) A a record of all the meetings of the Board.

18 **I(b)** A register of the names, residence addresses and business addresses of all embalmers duly licensed under the provisions of 19

this chapter, and the numbers and dates of licenses. The register 20

21 shall be open to public examination at all reasonable times. A copy

22 of the register shall be furnished to all those registered and to the

various railroad, transportation and express companies doing 23 business in the State of Nevada. 24

25 <u>3. The Treasurer shall give a bond, to be approved by the</u> Board, in the sum of \$500 for the honest and faithful discharge of 26 27 his or her duties.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 642.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 The Board shall meet at least once every year, and 642.050 1. 30 may also hold special meetings, if the proper discharge of its duties 31 requires, at a time and place to be fixed by the rules and bylaws of 32 the Board. The rules and bylaws of the Board must provide for the 33 giving of timely notice of all special meetings to all members of the 34 Board. fand to all applicants for licenses or certificates.

2. Four of the members of the Board at any meeting may 35 organize and constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. 36

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**Sec. 13.** NRS 642.055 is hereby amended to read as follows: The **Board** Health Division may: 642.055 **1**.

39 (a) Maintain offices in as many localities in the State as it 40 finds necessary to fcarry out the provisions of this chapter and 41 chapters 451 and 452 of NRS.

**2.** the exercise of its special regulatory authority. 42

43 (b) Employ [attorneys,] investigators, [and other] professional 44 consultants and clerical personnel necessary to the [discharge] 45 exercise of its [duties.] special regulatory authority. While engaged





1 in the business of the Health Division, each such employee is 2 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses 3 provided for state officers and employees generally. 2. The Attorney General shall act as legal counsel to the 4 5 Health Division in all matters pertaining to the exercise of its 6 special regulatory authority. 7 **Sec. 14.** NRS 642.060 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 642.060 [1.] The [members of the] Board [shall have power 9 to may adopt such regulations for the transaction of *its* business of 10 the Board and the management of its affairs as [they may deem] it 11 *deems* expedient. 12 12. The Board is authorized to adopt and use a common seal.] 13 **Sec. 15.** NRS 642.063 is hereby amended to read as follows: 14 642.063 The **Board** Health Division may adopt reasonable 15 rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect the 16 provisions of this chapter. 17 **Sec. 16.** NRS 642.066 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1. The **Board Health Division** may publish a guide 18 642.066 for persons who purchase services provided by cemeteries, 19 crematories and funeral establishments. The guide must contain: 20 21 (a) A list of the name and address of each cemetery, crematory 22 and funeral establishment located in the State. 23 (b) A list of the services and the price for each service provided 24 by each cemetery, crematory and funeral establishment in this State. 25 (c) The procedure for filing a complaint with the **Board** Health 26 *Division* concerning services provided by a cemetery, crematory or 27 funeral establishment. (d) Any other information which the **Board** Health Division 28 29 deems appropriate and useful to the public. 30 2. If the **Board Health Division** publishes a guide, it shall: 31 (a) Maintain the guide by republishing it with revised 32 information at least once each year. 33 (b) Distribute the guide and the information contained in the 34 guide in any manner it deems appropriate. NRS 642.067 is hereby amended to read as follows: 35 Sec. 17. 642.067 The **Board** Health Division may inspect any 36 37 premises in which the business of funeral directing is conducted or where embalming is practiced and, for that purpose, may employ a 38 licensed embalmer of the State of Nevada as an inspector to aid in 39 40 the enforcement of [this chapter and chapters 451 and 452 of NRS 41 and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, whose any statute or regulation within the scope of the Health Division's special 42 *regulatory authority. The* compensation and expenses [shall] of the 43 44 inspector must be paid fout of the fees collected by the Board.] 45 from the account established pursuant to section 4 of this act.





**Sec. 18.** NRS 642.069 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 642.069 1. The Board Health Division shall charge and 3 collect an annual fee from each holder of a license or certificate issued by the [Board] Health Division pursuant to [chapter 451 or 4 452 of NRS 1. 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, and sections 69 and 5 6 70 of this act, or 452.310 to 452.590, inclusive.

2. The **Board** Health Division shall adopt regulations which 7 8 establish the annual fee in an amount that is sufficient in the aggregate, together with the fees received from applicants during 9 10 the previous year, to defray the **Board's** necessary expenses of the Health Division in performing its duties [pursuant to chapters 451] 11 12 and 452 of NRS.] as they relate to the holders of the licenses or 13 certificates described in subsection 1. 14

Sec. 19. NRS 642.0693 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 642.0693 The **Board** Health Division may charge a fee for 16 providing materials relating to [the provisions of this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS its special regulatory authority which 17 are requested by persons who have been issued permits, licenses and 18 19 certificates pursuant to [this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS] its special regulatory authority or by members of the general 20 public. The fee may not exceed the cost incurred by the [Board] 21 22 *Health Division* to provide those materials.

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Sec. 20. NRS 642.0696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.0696 In addition to the fees that the **Board** Health 24 25 **Division** is authorized or required to collect pursuant to the provisions of a specific statute, the **Board** Health Division shall 26 27 charge and collect the following fees [] in the exercise of its special 28 regulatory authority:

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30	Application for a license, certificate or permit \$375
31	Examination for a license, certificate or permit
32	Renewal of a license, certificate or permit
33	Late renewal of a license, certificate or permit
34	Placement of a license on inactive status
35	Reactivation of a license to active status
36	Reinstatement of a lapsed license
37	Transfer of a license, certificate or permit to another
38	location
39	Issuance of a duplicate license, certificate or permit
40	Provision of an administrative service <i>not otherwise</i>
41	<i>specified</i>
42	<b>Sec. 21.</b> NRS 642.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:
43	642.075 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, all
44	reasonable expenses incurred by the Board in carrying out the
45	provisions of this chapter and chapters 451 and 452 of NRS must be





paid from the money which it receives. No part of the salaries or
 expenses of the Board may be paid out of the State General Fund.

3 <u>2.</u>] Except as otherwise provided in this section, all money 4 collected by the [Board] *Health Division* from the imposition of 5 fines must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the 6 State General Fund. [All other money received by the Board must 7 be deposited in qualified banks, credit unions or savings and loan 8 associations in this State and paid out on its order for its expenses.

9 <u>3. In a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 622A</u>
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2. *The Health Division* may delegate to a hearing officer or panel its authority to take any disciplinary action pursuant to [this chapter or chapter 451 and 452 of NRS,] its special regulatory authority, and to impose and collect fines therefor [and to deposit the money therefrom in banks, credit unions or savings and loan associations in this State.

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4. , for use in accordance with section 4 of this act.

18 3. If a hearing officer or panel is not authorized to take disciplinary action pursuant to subsection  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix} 2$  and the **Board** 19 Health Division deposits the money collected from the imposition 20 21 of fines with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund, 22 it may present a claim to the State Board of Examiners for 23 recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee if money is 24 needed to pay attorney's fees or the costs of an investigation, or 25 both.

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Sec. 22. NRS 642.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.080 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 642.100, an
applicant for a license to practice the profession of embalming in the
State of Nevada [shall:] must:

30 1. Have attained the age of 18 years.

2. Be of good moral character.

32 3. Be a high school graduate and have completed 2 academic 33 years of instruction by taking 60 semester or 90 quarter hours at an 34 accredited college or university. Credits earned at an embalming 35 college or school of mortuary science do not fulfill this requirement.

4. Have completed 12 full months of instruction in an embalming college or school of mortuary science which is accredited by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards and approved by the [Board,] *Health Division*, and have not less than 1 year's practical experience under the supervision of an embalmer licensed in the State of Nevada.

42 5. Have actually embalmed at least 50 bodies under the 43 supervision of a licensed embalmer prior to the date of application.

6. Present to the [Board] *Health Division* affidavits of at least two reputable residents of the county in which the applicant





1 proposes to engage in the practice of an embalmer to the effect that 2 the applicant is of good moral character.

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**Sec. 23.** NRS 642.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 642.090 1. Every person who wishes to practice the 5 profession of embalming must appear before [the Board] a person 6 *designated by the Health Division* and must be examined in the 7 knowledge of the subjects set forth in subsection 5.

8 2. If a person *to be examined* is a registered apprentice, the 9 person must fulfill the requirements of NRS 642.310 and 642.330 10 before the person may take the examination.

11 3. If a person *to be examined* is not a registered apprentice, the 12 person must pay the examination fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696 13 before the person may take the examination.

14 4. Examinations must be in writing, and the **Board** Health 15 Division or the person designated to conduct the examination may 16 require actual demonstration on a cadaver. An applicant who has passed the national examination given by the International 17 18 Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards is not required to take any portion of the examination set forth in subsection 5 that 19 20 repeats or duplicates a portion of the national examination. All 21 examination papers must be kept on record by the **Board**. Health 22 Division.

23 5. The *[members of the Board] Health Division* shall examine 24 applicants for licenses in the following subjects: 25

(a) Anatomy, sanitary science and signs of death.

26 (b) Care, disinfection, preservation, transportation of and burial 27 or other final disposition of dead bodies.

(c) The manner in which death may be determined.

29 (d) The prevention of the spread of infectious and contagious 30 diseases.

(e) Chemistry, including toxicology.

(f) Restorative art, including plastic surgery and derma surgery.

33 (g) The laws and regulations of this State relating to funeral 34 directing and embalming.

35 (h) Regulations of the State Board of Health relating to 36 infectious diseases and quarantine.

37 (i) Any other subject which the **Board may determine** Health 38 **Division determines** by regulation to be necessary or proper to prove the efficiency and qualification of the applicant. 39

40 If an applicant fulfills the requirements set forth in this 6. 41 chapter to be licensed to practice the profession of embalming, has passed the examination required by this chapter and has paid all fees 42 43 related to the application and the examination, the **Board** Health 44 **Division** shall issue to the applicant a license to practice the 45 profession of embalming for 1 year.





1 **Sec. 24.** NRS 642.100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 642.100 Reciprocity may be arranged by the **Board** Health 3 **Division** if an applicant: 1. Is a graduate of an embalming college or a school of 4 5 mortuary science which is accredited by the International 6 Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards and approved by 7 the **Board**; **Health Division**; 8 2. Is licensed as an embalmer in another state; 9 3. Has practiced embalming successfully for at least 5 years and practiced actively for 2 years immediately preceding the 10 application for a license by reciprocity; 11 12 Is of good moral character; 4 13 5. Has passed the examination given by the **Board** Health 14 *Division* on the subjects set forth in subsection 5 of NRS 642.090 or 15 the national examination given by the International Conference of 16 Funeral Service Examining Boards; 17 6. Possesses knowledge of the applicable statutes and regulations of this State governing embalmers; and 18 19 Pays to the **Secretary of the Board** Health Division the fees 7. 20 prescribed in NRS 642.0696. 21 **Sec. 25.** NRS 642.110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22 642.110 [1. All licenses shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board and attested by the seal of the Board. 23 <u>2.</u> Each license [shall] issued by the Health Division pursuant 24 25 to its special regulatory authority must specify the name of the person to whom *the license is* issued. Every A license shall be 26 nonassignable and nontransferable,] may not be assigned or 27 *transferred* and *[shall] must* be displayed by *[each] the* licensee in a 28 29 conspicuous place in the office or place of business of the licensee. 30 **Sec. 26.** NRS 642.115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31 642.115 1. Upon written request to the **Board** Health Division and payment of the fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696, a 32 person who is licensed to practice the profession of embalming in 33 this State and who is a licensee in good standing may have his or her 34 35 license placed on inactive status. A licensee whose license has been 36 placed on inactive status shall not engage in the practice of the 37 profession of embalming during the period in which the license is 38 inactive. 39 2. If a licensee wishes to resume the practice of the profession of embalming, the **Board** Health Division shall reactivate the 40 41 license upon the: 42 (a) Demonstration, if deemed necessary by the **Board**, Health 43 *Division*, that the licensee is qualified and competent to practice; 44 (b) Completion of an application; and





1 (c) Payment of the fee for the renewal of the license and any 2 other fees related to the reactivation of the license.

3 3. A licensee is not required to pay the fee for the renewal *or* 4 *late renewal* of his or her license for any fees or penalties related to 5 the renewal of the license] for any year during the period in which 6 the license was inactive.

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Sec. 27. NRS 642.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.120 1. If a licensee wishes to renew his or her license,
the [Board] *Health Division* shall renew the license, except for
cause, if the licensee complies with the provisions of this section.

11 2. The renewal fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696 and all 12 information required to complete the renewal are due on *or before* 13 January 1 of each year. If the renewal fee is not paid or all required 14 information is not submitted [by] *on or before* February 1, [a] *the* 15 fee for [the] late renewal [of the license will] *prescribed in NRS* 16 *642.0696 must* be added to the renewal fee, and in no case [will] 17 *may* the fee for late renewal be waived.

3. Upon receipt of the renewal fee, all required information and any fee for late renewal, [imposed pursuant to subsection 2,] the
[Board] Health Division shall issue a renewal certificate to the licensee.

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Sec. 28. NRS 642.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.130 The following acts are grounds for which the [Board]
 *Health Division* may take disciplinary action against a person who
 is licensed to practice the profession of embalming pursuant to this
 chapter or refuse to issue such a license : [to an applicant therefor:]

- 27 1. Gross incompetency.
- 28 2. Unprofessional, unethical or dishonest conduct.
- 29 3. Habitual intemperance.

30 4. Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to 31 obtain a license to practice the profession of embalming.

5. Employment by the licensee of persons commonly known as "cappers," "steerers" or "solicitors," or of other persons to obtain funeral directing or embalming business.

- 35 6. Malpractice.
- 36 7. Gross immorality.
- 37 8. The unlawful use of any controlled substance.
- 38 9. Conviction of a felony relating to the practice of embalming.

39 10. False or misleading advertising as defined in NRS 642.490,

40 or false or misleading statements in the sale of merchandise or 41 services.

11. Refusal to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human
body upon the request of a person who is legally entitled to custody
of the body.





Violation by the licensee of any **[provision of this chapter**, 1 12. 2 any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, any order of the Board or any other law of this State relating to the practice of any of the 3 4 professions regulated by the Board.]: 5 (a) Provision of statute or regulation; or 6 (b) Order entered by the Health Division, within the scope of the Health Division's special regulatory 7 8 authority. 9 13. The theft or misappropriation of money in a trust fund 10 established and maintained pursuant to chapter 689 of NRS. Sec. 29. NRS 642.135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 12 642.135 1. If the **Board Health Division** determines that a 13 person who is licensed to practice the profession of embalming 14 pursuant to this chapter has committed any of the acts set forth in 15 NRS 642.130, the **Board** Health Division may: 16 (a) Refuse to renew the license; 17 (b) Revoke the license; (c) Suspend the license for a definite period or until further order 18 19 of the **Board**; **Health Division**; 20 (d) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each act which 21 constitutes a ground for disciplinary action; 22 (e) Place the person on probation for a definite period subject to 23 any reasonable conditions imposed by the **Board**; Health Division; 24 (f) Administer a public reprimand; or 25 (g) Impose any combination of disciplinary actions set forth in 26 this section. 27 2. The **Board Health Division** shall not administer a private reprimand. 28 29 3. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and 30 conclusions of law supporting that order are public records. 31 **Sec. 30.** NRS 642.140 is hereby amended to read as follows: 642.140 1. The Health Division shall maintain a register of 32 33 the names, residence addresses and business addresses of all embalmers who are licensed pursuant to this chapter, with the 34 number and date of expiration of each license. The register must 35 be open to public examination at all reasonable times. The Health 36 Division shall furnish a copy of the register, on request, to any 37 38 licensed embalmer and to any railroad, transportation or express 39 company doing business in this State. Upon the revocation of a license to practice the profession of 40 2. embalming, the [Secretary of the Board] Health Division shall 41 strike the name of the licensee from the register of licensed 42 embalmers and notify all railroad, transportation and express 43 44 companies doing business in [the State of Nevada,] this State, and 45 all licensed embalmers in this State, of that action.





1 **Sec. 31.** NRS 642.180 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 642.180 1. No person may serve as an apprentice under a licensed embalmer or attempt to serve as an apprentice to a licensed 3 embalmer without first having [procured] applied for and obtained 4 5 from the **Board** Health Division a certificate of registration as a 6 registered apprentice. 7 Registered apprentices must be regularly employed for 1 2. 8 *year* as full-time employees *at a funeral establishment* to receive 9 apprenticeship credit. 10 Credit for serving as a registered apprentice for the period *3*. of apprenticeship required by this section begins on the date the 11 application for the certificate of registration is filed with the 12 13 Health Division. 14 Sec. 32. NRS 642.190 is hereby amended to read as follows: 15 642.190 Each applicant for a certificate of registration as a 16 registered apprentice must: 1. Be of good moral character and possess temperate habits; 17 18 2. Be at least 18 years of age; Fulfill the requirements set forth in this chapter to be a 19 3. 20 registered apprentice; 21 Present an affidavit from his or her preceptor that such 4 22 applicant shall instructor that the applicant will enter upon his or 23 her duties as soon as the certificate is granted; and 24 5. Pay any fees related to the application. 25 **Sec. 33.** NRS 642.220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 26 642.220 1. Each registered apprentice must pay: (a) The annual fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696; and 27 28 (b) Any other fees prescribed in NRS 642.0696. 29 2. Each registered apprentice shall carry an apprentice card 30 certified by the [Secretary of the Board.] *Health Division*. 31 **Sec. 34.** NRS 642.230 is hereby amended to read as follows: 642.230 [Apprentices shall] An apprentice must be registered 32 33 with the [Secretary of the Board] *Health Division* at the [time of] beginning of *the* apprenticeship . [, and] If the apprenticeship is 34 35 terminated for any reason, the instructor shall immediately submit to the Health Division a written notice of the termination, fof the 36 37 same during interim, in case an apprentice changes tutor, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, giving the date of the 38 termination. [with the first instructor] If the registered apprentice 39 begins an apprenticeship with another instructor, that instructor 40 shall immediately submit to the Health Division an affidavit 41 stating that the registered apprentice has entered upon his or her 42 duties and the date lof beginning with the second instructor, and 43 44 each subsequent instructor in like manner as provided in this chapter 45 for the first instructor.] those duties commenced.

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1 **Sec. 35.** NRS 642.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 642.240 Each licensed embalmer who *[has under his or her* 3 supervision or controll is instructing a registered apprentice shall submit a report [such fact] to the [Board] Health Division 4 5 semiannually on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year. The 6 [Secretary of the Board] Health Division shall [immediately 7 forward] provide to [such embalmer] the instructor forms wherein information desired by the [Board shall] Health Division must be 8 9 requested by interrogations. [Such reports shall] Each report 10 submitted pursuant to this section must disclose the work which [such] the registered apprentice has performed during the 11 12 semiannual period preceding the first of the month on which such 13 *that* report is made, including the number of bodies *such the* 14 registered apprentice has assisted in embalming or otherwise 15 prepared for disposition during that period. 16 **Sec. 36.** NRS 642.260 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17 642.260 All embalming of any nature whatsoever performed 18 by a registered apprentice **[shall]** must be done **[in]**: 1. In the place of business owned or conducted by the 19 registered apprentice's [preceptor] instructor or where the 20 [preceptor] instructor is employed; [] and [must be in] 21 22 2. In the presence of the preceptor or preceptors, and under the personal supervision of the *preceptor or preceptors. instructor*. 23 Sec. 37. NRS 642.280 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24 25 Each registered apprentice shall *have post* his or her 642.280 26 certificate of registration [posted] in a conspicuous place in his or 27 her [preceptor's] instructor's place of business. Sec. 38. NRS 642.290 is hereby amended to read as follows: 28 29 642.290 1. A registered apprentice may apply for a leave of 30 absence and for the extension of any leave of absence by: 31 (a) Filing an application with the [Secretary of the Board;] 32 *Health Division*; and 33 (b) Paying any fees related to the application. 34 The application may be granted by the **Board**, **Health** 2. 35 *Division*, if the facts of the case disclose sufficient reason for granting the request. 36 37 **Sec. 39.** NRS 642.300 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38 642.300 1. A certificate of registration as a registered *apprentice* expires 1 year after the date of issuance of the certificate 39 40 by the **Board**, **Health Division**, unless the certificate is renewed in 41 accordance with the regulations adopted by the **Board**. Health 42 Division. 43 2. No person may hold a certificate of registration as a 44 registered apprentice *lentitling the person to practice the occupation* 45 of an embalmer's apprentice under a licensed embalmer more than





2 consecutive years without successfully passing the examination 1 2 for a license to practice the profession of embalming pursuant to 3 NRS 642.090.

4 **Sec. 40.** NRS 642.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.310 Before a registered apprentice may take the 5 examination for a license to practice the profession of embalming 6 pursuant to NRS 642.090, the registered apprentice must file an 7 application with the [Secretary of the Board] Health Division and 8 pay the examination fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696, not later than 9 30 days before the date of [such] the examination. 10 11

Sec. 41. NRS 642.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 642.340 1. A person shall not engage in or conduct, or hold 13 himself or herself out as engaging in or conducting, the business of a 14 funeral director unless the person is licensed as a funeral director by 15 the **Board**. Health Division.

16 2. The business of a funeral director must be conducted and 17 engaged in at a funeral establishment.

**Sec. 42.** NRS 642.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 1. A funeral director shall not manage a funeral 642.345 20 establishment unless the funeral director has been approved by the 21 **Board** Health Division to manage the funeral establishment.

22 2. If a funeral director manages more than one funeral 23 establishment, the funeral director must obtain approval from the **Board** Health Division for each funeral establishment that he or 24 25 she manages.

26 A funeral director is responsible for the proper management 3. 27 of each funeral establishment of which the funeral director is the 28 manager.

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**Sec. 43.** NRS 642.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 642.360 1. An application for a funeral director's license or a 31 license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials must be in 32 writing and verified on a form provided by the **Board**. Health 33 Division.

34 Each applicant must be over 18 years of age and of good 2. 35 moral character.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, each applicant 36 3. 37 for a funeral director's license must pass an examination given by 38 the **Board** *Health Division* upon the following subjects:

- 39 (a) The signs of death.
  - (b) The manner by which death may be determined.

41 (c) The laws governing the preparation, burial and disposal of dead human bodies, and the shipment of bodies of persons dying 42 from infectious or contagious diseases. 43

44 (d) Local health and sanitary ordinances and regulations relating 45 to funeral directing and embalming.





(e) Federal regulations governing funeral practices.

2 (f) The laws and regulations of this State relating to funeral 3 directing and embalming.

4. An applicant who has passed the national examination given 4 by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining 5 Boards is not required to take any portion of the examination set 6 forth in subsection 3 that repeats or duplicates a portion of the 7 8 national examination 9

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10 (a) A funeral director's license must be accompanied by the application fee 11 and the examination fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696. 12

13 (b) A license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials 14 must be accompanied by the application fee prescribed in 15 NRS 642.0696.

**Sec. 44.** NRS 642.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 642.363 1. The owner of a funeral establishment shall not 18 operate or allow another person to operate the establishment unless the owner has been issued a permit by the [Board] Health Division 19 20 to operate the funeral establishment.

 $\hat{2}$ . If a person owns more than one funeral establishment, the 21 person must submit an application and obtain a permit for each 22 23 funeral establishment he or she owns.

NRS 642.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 45.

25 642.365 1. An application for a permit to operate a funeral establishment must be in writing and be verified on a form provided 26 27 by the **Board.** Health Division.

2. Each applicant must furnish proof satisfactory to the **Board** 28 29 **Health Division** that:

- 30 (a) The applicant is of good moral character;
  - (b) The applicant is at least 18 years old; and

(c) The funeral establishment for which the applicant is 32 33 requesting the permit is constructed, equipped and maintained in the 34 manner described in NRS 642.016.

35 3. Each application must be accompanied by the application fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696. 36 37

Sec. 46. NRS 642.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.370 Each applicant for a funeral director's license or a 38 license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials must 39 furnish proof satisfactory to the **Board** Health Division that the 40 41 applicant is of good moral character.

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Sec. 47. NRS 642.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 642.390 Upon receipt of an application for a permit to operate 44 a funeral establishment, a funeral director's license or a license to 45 conduct direct cremations or immediate burials, the **Board** Health





1 **Division** shall cause an investigation to be made as to the character 2 of the applicant, and may require such showing as will reasonably prove the applicant's good moral character. 3 4 **Sec.** 48. NRS 642.400 is hereby amended to read as follows: 642.400 1. The **Board** Health Division may subpoena 5 6 witnesses. After a proper hearing, the **Board** Health Division shall 7 2. 8 issue to an applicant a funeral director's license or a license to 9 conduct direct cremations or immediate burials if it finds that the 10 applicant: 11 (a) Is of good moral character; (b) Fulfills the requirements set forth in this chapter for the 12 13 license; and 14 (c) Has paid all fees related to the application. 15 **Sec. 49.** NRS 642.430 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16 642.430 1. The **Board Health Division** shall mail, on or 17 before January 1 of each year, to each licensed funeral director and 18 each person licensed to conduct direct cremations or immediate 19 burials, addressed to such licensee at his or her last known address, 20 a notice **[that]**: 21 (a) **That** the renewal fee is due fand that ; 22 (b) That the fee for late renewal prescribed in NRS 642.0696 will be added to the renewal fee if the renewal fee is not paid by 23 February 1 ; [, a fee for the late renewal of the license will be added 24 25 to the renewal fee.] and (c) That in no case will the fee for late renewal be waived. 26 2. Upon receipt of the renewal fee, all information required to 27 28 complete the renewal and any fee for late renewal, *limposed* pursuant to subsection 1,] the [Board] Health Division shall issue a 29 30 renewal certificate to the licensee. 31 **Sec. 50.** NRS 642.435 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32 642.435 1. Each person who is issued a permit to operate a 33 funeral establishment must pay the annual fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696 for the renewal of the permit. 34 35 2. The **Board** Health Division shall, before renewing a permit to operate a funeral establishment, make or cause to be made an 36 37 unannounced inspection of the establishment for which the permit 38 was issued to ensure compliance with: 39 (a) The laws governing the preparation, burial and disposal of 40 dead human bodies, and the shipment of bodies of persons who have 41 died from infectious or contagious diseases; 42 (b) Local health and sanitary ordinances and regulations relating 43 to funeral directing and embalming; and 44 (c) Federal regulations governing funeral practices.





1 Each person who is issued a permit to operate a funeral  $\hookrightarrow$ 2 establishment shall be deemed to have consented to such an 3 inspection as a condition **[for]** of the issuance of the permit.

4 The **Board** Health Division shall, on or before January 1 of 3. 5 each year, mail to each holder of a permit to operate a funeral 6 establishment a notice [that]: 7

(a) That the renewal fee for the permit is due [and that];

(b) That the fee for late renewal prescribed in NRS 642.0696 8 9 *will be added to the renewal fee* if the renewal fee is not paid by 10 February 1; [, a penalty will be added to the renewal fee,] and

11 (c) That in no case will the **[penalty]** fee for late renewal be 12 waived.

13 4. Upon receipt of the renewal fee and any *Ipenalties imposed* 14 by the Board pursuant to subsection 3,] fee for late renewal, the 15 **Board** Health Division shall issue a renewal certificate to the 16 holder of the permit.

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Sec. 51. NRS 642.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 642.440 When a licensed funeral director has for any reason allowed the license to lapse, the **Board** Health Division may 19 reinstate [such] the license if an application [therefor] for 20 21 *reinstatement* is made within a period of 3 years *from after* the 22 **[time]** *date* of the lapse and is accompanied by:

All fees, including [penalties,] the fee for late renewal 23 1 prescribed in NRS 642.0696, accruing from the [time] date of the 24 25 lapse to *the* date of reinstatement; and

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All information required to complete the reinstatement. 2.

**Sec. 52.** NRS 642.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.450 1. In case of the death of a licensed funeral director 28 29 who leaves a funeral establishment as *part or all property* of his or 30 her estate, the **Board** Health Division may issue to the legal 31 representative of the deceased funeral director, if the legal representative is of good moral character, a special temporary 32 license as a funeral director for the duration of the administration of 33 34 the estate, but in no case to exceed 1 year.

The fees for the application, issuance and renewal of a 35 2. special temporary license and any other fees related to the special 36 37 temporary license and the time for payment of [such] the fees [must 38 **be** *are* the same as those required for regular licenses.

NRS 642.455 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 53.

40 642.455 1. Upon written request to the **Board** Health Division and payment of the fee prescribed in NRS 642.0696, a 41 person who holds a funeral director's license or a license to conduct 42 43 direct cremations or immediate burials and who is a licensee in good 44 standing may have the license placed on inactive status. A licensee 45 whose license has been placed on inactive status shall not engage in





the business of funeral directing or conducting direct cremations or 1 2 immediate burials during the period in which the license is inactive.

2. If a licensee wishes to resume the business of funeral 3 4 directing or conducting direct cremations or immediate burials, the 5 **Board** *Health Division* shall reactivate the license upon the:

6 (a) Demonstration, if deemed necessary by the **Board**, **Health** *Division*, that the licensee is qualified and competent to practice; 7

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(b) Completion of an application; and (c) Payment of the fee for the renewal of the license and any 9

10 other fees related to the reactivation of the license. 3. A licensee is not required to pay the *fees* for the 11

renewal or late renewal of his or her license for any fees or 12 13 penalties related to the renewal of the licensel for any year during 14 the period in which the license was inactive.

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Sec. 54. NRS 642.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 642.470 The following acts are grounds for which the **Board** 17 Health Division may take disciplinary action against a person who holds a funeral director's license, a permit to operate a funeral 18 19 establishment or a license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials, or may refuse to issue such a license or permit : [to an 20 21 applicant therefor:

1. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

23 2. Unprofessional conduct.

3. False or misleading advertising.

25 4. Conviction of a felony relating to the practice of funeral 26 directors.

27 Conviction of a misdemeanor that is related directly to the 5 business of a funeral establishment. 28

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Sec. 55. NRS 642.473 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 642.473 1. If the **Board Health Division** determines that a 31 person who holds a funeral director's license, a permit to operate a 32 funeral establishment or a license to conduct direct cremations or 33 immediate burials has committed any of the acts set forth in NRS 34 642.470, the **Board** Health Division may:

- (a) Refuse to renew the license or permit;
- (b) Revoke the license or permit;

(c) Suspend the license or permit for a definite period or until 37 38 further order of the **Board**; *Health Division*;

39 (d) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each act that 40 constitutes a ground for disciplinary action;

41 (e) Place the person on probation for a definite period subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the **Board**; **Health Division**; 42

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(f) Administer a public reprimand; or

44 (g) Impose any combination of disciplinary actions set forth in 45 paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive.





1 The **[Board]** Health Division shall not administer a private 2. 2 reprimand.

An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and 3 3. conclusions of law supporting that order are public records. 4 5

NRS 642.480 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 56.

6 642.480 For the purposes of NRS 642.470, unprofessional 7 conduct includes:

8 1. Misrepresentation or fraud in the operation of a funeral 9 establishment or the practice of a funeral director or person licensed 10 to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials.

11 2 Solicitation of dead human bodies by the licensee or his or 12 her agents, assistants or employees, whether the solicitation occurs 13 after death or while death is impending, but this does not prohibit 14 general advertising.

15 3. Employment by a holder of a permit to operate a funeral establishment or licensee of persons commonly known as "cappers," 16 "steerers" or "solicitors," or of other persons to obtain funeral 17 18 directing or embalming business.

19 Employment, directly or indirectly, of any apprentice, agent, 4. assistant, embalmer, employee or other person, on part- or full-time 20 21 or on commission, to call upon natural persons or institutions by 22 whose influence dead human bodies may be turned over to a 23 particular funeral director or embalmer.

24 The buying of business by a holder of a permit to operate a 5. 25 funeral establishment or a licensee or his or her agents, assistants or 26 employees, or the direct or indirect payment or offer of payment of a 27 commission by the holder of a permit or a licensee or his or her 28 agents, assistants or employees, to secure business.

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6. Gross immorality.

30 Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice funeral 7. 31 directing or embalming.

32 8. Using profane, indecent or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body, or within the immediate hearing of the 33 34 family or relatives of a deceased whose body has not yet been 35 interred or otherwise disposed of.

36 Solicitation or acceptance by a holder of a permit to operate 9. 37 a funeral establishment or licensee of any commission, bonus or rebate in consideration of recommending or causing a dead human 38 39 body to be disposed of in any crematory, mausoleum or cemetery.

40 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, using any 10. 41 casket or part of a casket which has previously been used as a receptacle for, or in connection with, the burial or other disposition 42 43 of a dead human body. The provisions of this subsection do not 44 prohibit the rental of the outer shell of a casket into which a 45 removable insert containing a dead human body is placed for the





purpose of viewing the body or for funeral services, or both, and 1 2 which is later removed from the outer shell for cremation.

3 11. Violation of any provision of this chapter, any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any order [of the Board.] entered by the 4 5 Health Division pursuant to its special regulatory authority.

6 12. Violation of any state law or municipal or county ordinance or regulation affecting the handling, custody, care or transportation 7 of dead human bodies, including, without limitation, NRS 451.400. 8

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13. Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a permit or license.

10 14. Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of a dead human body, upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled 11 12 to the custody thereof.

13 Taking undue advantage of the patrons of a funeral 15. 14 establishment or being guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in the 15 sale of merchandise to those patrons.

16 16. The theft or misappropriation of money in a trust fund 17 established and maintained pursuant to chapter 689 of NRS.

18 17 Habitual drunkenness or the unlawful use of a controlled 19 substance.

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**Sec. 57.** NRS 642.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 642.500 1. A petition for the revocation or suspension of a 22 permit to operate a funeral establishment, funeral director's license 23 or license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials may be 24 filed by the Attorney General or by the district attorney of the 25 county in which the funeral establishment exists or the licensee resides or has practiced, or by any person residing in this State. 26

27 2. The petition must be filed with the **Board** Health Division and state the charges against the licensee with reasonable 28 29 definiteness.

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Sec. 58. NRS 642.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 642.515 1. The Board Health Division may provide for a 32 temporary authorization for an applicant for a license, certificate or permit issued by the **Board** *Health Division* pursuant to **[this**] 33 chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS.] its special regulatory 34 35 *authority.* The temporary authorization allows an applicant who has satisfied the requirements of and paid the applicable fees for the 36 37 license, certificate or permit to carry out the duties authorized by the 38 license, certificate or permit.

39 2. The temporary authorization is effective during the period which begins upon issuance by the [Board] Health Division and 40 ends when the [Board] Health Division takes action on the 41 application for the license, certificate or permit. 42 43

**Sec. 59.** NRS 642.518 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 642.518 [Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 622A of 45 NRS:





1 1. If the **[Board]** Health Division finds that probable cause 2 exists for the revocation of a license, permit or certificate issued [by 3 the Board] pursuant to [the provisions of this chapter or chapter 451] or 452 of NRS, its special regulatory authority and that 4 5 enforcement of the provisions fof this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS] within the scope of its special regulatory authority 6 requires immediate suspension of the license, permit or certificate 7 pending an investigation, the [Board] Health Division may, upon 5 8 days' written notice and a preliminary hearing, enter an order 9 10 suspending the license, permit or certificate for a period of not more 11 than 60 days, pending a hearing upon the revocation of the license, 12 permit or certificate.

2. For the purposes of this section, notice shall be deemed to be
sufficient if the notice is personally served on the holder of the
license, permit or certificate or posted at the address of the holder,
as indicated in the records of the [Board,] *Health Division*, at least 5
days before the preliminary hearing.

3. The provisions of NRS 241.034 do not apply to any action
that is taken by the [Board] *Health Division* pursuant to this section.
Sec. 60. NRS 642.521 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 642.521 1. If the **Board Health Division** receives a copy of 22 a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational 23 licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the 24 25 holder of a license to practice the profession of embalming, a 26 funeral director's license, a license to conduct direct cremations or 27 immediate burials or a certificate of registration as an apprentice embalmer, the **Board** Health Division shall deem the license or 28 29 certificate of registration issued to that person to be suspended at the 30 end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was 31 issued unless the **Board** Health Division receives a letter issued to 32 the holder of the license or certificate of registration by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating 33 that the holder of the license or certificate of registration has 34 35 complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage 36 pursuant to NRS 425.560.

37 The **Board** Health Division shall reinstate a license to 2. practice the profession of embalming, a funeral director's license, a 38 license to conduct direct cremations or immediate burials or a 39 certificate of registration as an apprentice embalmer that has been 40 41 suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the **Board** Health Division receives a letter issued by the district 42 attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the 43 44 person whose license or certificate of registration was suspended 45 stating that the person whose license or certificate of registration





was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has
 satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

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**Sec. 61.** NRS 642.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 642.524 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and 5 NRS 239.0115, a complaint filed with the **Board**, Health Division, 6 all documents and other information filed with the complaint and all 7 documents and other information compiled as a result of an 8 investigation conducted to determine whether to initiate disciplinary 9 action against a person are confidential, unless the person submits a 10 written statement to the **Board** Health Division requesting that 11 such documents and information be made public records.

2. The charging documents filed with the [Board] Health
 Division to initiate disciplinary action [pursuant to chapter 622A of
 NRS] and all documents and information considered by the [Board]
 Health Division when determining whether to impose discipline are
 public records.

3. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the [Board] *Health Division* from communicating or cooperating with or
providing any documents or other information to any other licensing *agency or* board or any other agency that is investigating a person,
including, without limitation, a law enforcement agency.

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Sec. 62. NRS 642.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
person may seek judicial review of any final decision of the [Board] *Health Division* that is made pursuant to [the provisions of this
chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS. Such judicial] its special *regulatory authority. The* review must be conducted as provided by
law.

2. A person may not seek judicial review of any decision of the
 30 [Board] Health Division that orders an immediate suspension of a
 31 license, permit or certificate pursuant to NRS 642.518.

**Sec. 63.** NRS 642.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 642 540 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 622A of NRS, if If a holder of a license, permit or certificate seeks judicial 34 35 review of the decision of the **Board** Health Division to revoke or 36 suspend the license, permit or certificate, the decision of the **Board** 37 *Health Division* must not be stayed by the proceedings on judicial review and the judicial review must not operate to restore the right 38 39 of the holder of the license, permit or certificate to operate or 40 practice pending the judicial review, unless a bond with a sufficient 41 surety approved by the clerk of the district court is posted with the clerk, in such an amount as the district court [may require,] 42 43 requires, conditioned that the judicial review will be prosecuted 44 without unnecessary delay and that, if the decision of the **Board** 





1 *Health Division* is affirmed, the holder of the license, permit or 2 certificate will pay all costs.

Sec. 64. NRS 642.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 642.557 [Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 622A of 5 NRS:]

6 1. If the [Board] Health Division has reasonable cause to
7 believe that any person is violating or is threatening to or intends to
8 violate any [provision of this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS,
9 any regulation adopted by the Board pursuant thereto or any order of
10 the Board, the Board]:

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(a) Provision of statute or regulation; or

(b) Order entered by the Health Division,

within the scope of the Health Division's special regulatory
 *authority, the Health Division* may enter an order requiring the
 person to desist or refrain from engaging in the violation.

2. The provisions of NRS 241.034 do not apply to any action
that is taken by the [Board] *Health Division* pursuant to this section.
Sec. 65. NRS 642.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.570 [In a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 642.570 [In a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 622A of NRS, the Board] The Health Division shall cause the prosecution of [all persons] any person violating any provision of [this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS.] statute within the scope of its special regulatory authority.

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Sec. 66. NRS 642.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

642.575 The [Board] Health Division may bring legal
proceedings to enjoin any person who violates any provision of this
chapter, any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any order [of the
Board] entered by the Health Division pursuant to its special
regulatory authority from practicing the profession of embalming.
Any person who is so enjoined is liable to the [Board] Health
Division for attorney's fees and court costs.

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Sec. 67. NRS 439.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.150 1. The State Board of Health is hereby declared to 33 be supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. It has general 34 supervision over all matters, except for administrative matters and 35 as otherwise provided in NRS 439.950 to 439.983, inclusive, 36 37 relating to the preservation of the health and lives of citizens of this 38 State and over the work of the State Health Officer and all district, 39 county and city health departments, boards of health and health 40 officers.

2. The Department is hereby designated as the agency of this
State to cooperate with the federal authorities in the administration
of those parts of the Social Security Act which relate to the general
promotion of public health. It may receive and expend all money
made available to the Health Division by the Federal Government,





1 the State of Nevada or its political subdivisions, or from any other 2 source, for the purposes provided in this chapter. In developing and revising any state plan in connection with federal assistance for 3 4 health programs, the Department shall consider, without limitation, 5 the amount of money available from the Federal Government for 6 those programs, the conditions attached to the acceptance of that money and the limitations of legislative appropriations for those 7 8 programs.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 452.310, 452.590, 9 10 576.128, 642.069, 642.0693 and 642.0696, the State Board of Health may set reasonable fees for the: 11

- 12 (a) Licensing, registering, certifying, inspecting or granting of 13 permits for any facility, establishment or service regulated by the 14 Health Division:
  - (b) Programs and services of the Health Division;
- 16 (c) Review of plans; and
  - (d) Certification and licensing of personnel.

18 → Fees set pursuant to this subsection must be calculated to produce 19 for that period the revenue from the fees projected in the budget 20 approved for the Health Division by the Legislature.

21 **Sec. 68.** Chapter 451 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 69 and 70 of this act.

23 Sec. 69. "Health Division" means the Health Division of the 24 **Department of Health and Human Services.** 

25 "Special regulatory authority" means any of the Sec. 70. 26 powers and duties vested in the Health Division by this section and 27 NRS 451.065, 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, and section 69 of this act, 452.026, 452.027, 452.310 to 452.590, inclusive, and chapter 28 29 642 of NRS, as applicable.

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Sec. 71. NRS 451.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 451.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, no crematory, funeral home, cemetery or other place that accepts 32 33 human remains for disposition may require the remains to be 34 embalmed or otherwise prepared before their disposition by 35 cremation, interment or otherwise, or before their removal from or 36 into any registration district.

37 The State Board of Health may require embalming or other 2. 38 preparations if necessary to protect the public.

39 If embalming is not required by the State Board of Health 3. 40 pursuant to subsection 2, the **Nevada State Funeral Board** Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services may 41 authorize the embalming of a body if it determines that it is 42 necessary to preserve the body and the crematory, funeral home, 43 44 cemetery or other place that accepts human remains for disposition: 45

(a) Has held the body for at least 72 hours;





1 (b) Is unable to notify a member of the family or other authorized person to obtain approval to embalm the body; and 2

(c) Has no reason to believe that the family or other authorized 3 4 person does not wish to have the body embalmed.

4. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a 5 6 misdemeanor. 7

**Sec. 72.** NRS 451.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 451.600 As used in NRS 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, and 9 sections 69 and 70 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, 10 the words and terms defined in NRS 451.605 to 451.630, inclusive, and sections 69 and 70 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 11 12 them in those sections. 13

**Sec. 73.** NRS 451.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 451.635 1. No person may cremate human remains except in 15 a crematory whose operator is licensed by the [Nevada State Funeral] 16 **Board.** Health Division pursuant to this section.

17 The **Board** Health Division shall prescribe and furnish 2. 18 forms for *an* application for licensing. An application must be in 19 writing and contain:

20 (a) The name and address of the applicant and the location or 21 proposed location of the crematory;

22 (b) A description of the structure and equipment to be used in 23 operating the crematory; and

(c) Any further information that the **Board may Health** 24 25 *Division* reasonably *[require.] requires.* 

26 3. An application must be signed by the applicant personally, 27 by one of the partners if the applicant is a partnership, or by an 28 authorized officer if the applicant is a corporation or other form of 29 business organization.

30 The **[Board]** Health Division shall examine the structure and 4 31 equipment to be used in operating the crematory and shall issue the 32 license if:

33 (a) It appears that the proposed operation will meet the requirements of NRS 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive [;], and 34 35 sections 69 and 70 of this act; and

(b) The applicant has paid all fees related to the application.

If the ownership of a crematory is to be changed, the 37 5. proposed operator shall apply for licensing at least 30 days before 38 39 the change.

Sec. 74. NRS 451.640 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40

41 451.640 1. The *[Nevada State Funeral Board] Health* **Division** shall adopt regulations for the administration of NRS 42 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive H, and sections 69 and 70 of this 43 44 act. Unless governed by the regulations of the State Board of



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Health, the regulations of the [Nevada State Funeral Board] Health
 Division must include, without limitation:

3 (a) The conditions under which the remains of a person who has 4 died from a communicable or otherwise dangerous disease may be 5 transported to a crematory for cremation; and

6 (b) The minimum standards for sanitation, required equipment 7 and protection from fire.

8 The **[Nevada State Funeral Board]** Health Division may 2. bring legal proceedings to enjoin any person who violates any 9 provision of NRS 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, and sections 69 10 11 and 70 of this act, any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any order [of the Board] entered by the Health Division pursuant to its 12 13 special regulatory authority from operating a crematory. Any 14 person who is so enjoined is liable to the [Board] Health Division 15 for attorney's fees and court costs.

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Sec. 75. NRS 451.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

451.715 1. It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Hold himself or herself out to the public as the operator of a
 crematory without being licensed pursuant to NRS 451.635;

20 (b) Sign an order for cremation knowing that the order contains 21 incorrect information; or

(c) Violate any other provision of NRS 451.600 to 451.715,
 inclusive, and sections 69 and 70 of this act, any regulation adopted
 pursuant thereto or any order [of the Nevada State Funeral Board.]
 entered by the Health Division pursuant to its special regulatory
 authority.

27 2. It is unlawful for the operator of a crematory to perform a 28 cremation without an order signed by a person authorized to order 29 the cremation pursuant to NRS 451.650 or 451.655.

30 3. If a crematory is operated in this state in violation of any 31 provision of NRS 451.600 to 451.715, inclusive, *and sections 69* 32 *and 70 of this act*, any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any 33 order [of the Nevada State Funeral Board,] *entered by the Health* 34 *Division pursuant to its special regulatory authority*, the crematory 35 is a public nuisance and may be abated as such.

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**Sec. 76.** NRS 452.026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

452.026 The [Board] Health Division may adopt reasonable
regulations, suitably designed to protect the public, for those aspects
of the operation of a cemetery which are not governed by the
regulations of the Commissioner of Insurance pertaining to
endowment care.

Sec. 77. NRS 452.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 452.027 The Administrator and the **Board** *Health Division* 44 shall cooperate in the performance of their respective duties 45 pursuant to this chapter and shall exchange any information,





1 statistics or data in their records that is necessary to carry out those 2 duties. **Sec. 78.** NRS 452.310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 3 4 452.310 1. No person may engage in the business of 5 operating a cemetery in this state without first obtaining a certificate 6 of authority from the **Board.** Health Division. 7 Applications for a certificate of authority to operate a 2. 8 cemetery must be filed with the **Board.** Health Division. Each 9 application must be accompanied by: 10 (a) A filing fee of \$1,000 and any other fees related to the 11 application. No part of the fees is refundable. 12 (b) A copy, certified by the proper officials, of the: 13 (1) Articles of incorporation, if any. 14 (2) Bylaws of the corporation, if any. 15 (3) Application to the city or county planning commission 16 for a use permit or the rezoning for the proposed cemetery. 17 (4) Land use or zoning permit. (5) Declaration of dedication of land to cemetery purposes. 18 (6) Deed, contract of purchase or other document which 19 20 provides the applicant with merchantable title to the land dedicated. 21 (7) Endowment care trust fund agreement executed by the 22 proper officers of the cemetery authority. 23 (c) A statement, executed by the proper officers of the applicant, 24 setting forth: 25 (1) If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses 26 of the board of directors and officers. 27 (2) If the applicant is not a corporation, the names and 28 addresses of the natural persons in charge. 29 (3) The names and addresses of the trustees of the 30 endowment care fund. 31 (4) The name and address of the person in charge of sales. 32 → The statement must contain a description of the general character, experience and fitness to engage in the cemetery business for each 33 34 person named. 35 (d) A complete, detailed and audited financial statement 36 showing assets, liabilities and reserve. 37 (e) An itemized statement of all estimated receipts and 38 expenditures for the succeeding 2-year period or such other period 39 as [may be] is required by the [Board.] Health Division. (f) A map of the proposed cemetery in such detail and size as 40 41 [may be] are required by the [Board.] Health Division. 42 (g) A statement of the proposed plan of operation in such detail 43 as [may be] is required by the [Board.] Health Division. 44 (h) A statement of the amount deposited in the endowment care 45 fund and the type of investment made of such amount. \* A B 4 9 4 \*

1 (i) A statement from the depository showing the deposit in the 2 endowment care fund of the amount required by NRS 452.120 and 3 452.130.

4 (j) Such other information as *[may be] is* required by written 5 notice from the [Board.] Health Division.

6 Upon request, the **Board** Health Division shall provide to 3. the Administrator a copy of the following information contained in 7 an application for a certificate of authority filed with the **Board** 8 9 *Health Division* pursuant to this section: 10

(a) The endowment care trust fund agreement;

(b) The names and addresses of the trustees of the endowment 11 12 care fund: and

13 (c) The statements described in paragraphs (h) and (i) of 14 subsection 2.

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**Sec. 79.** NRS 452.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

452.340 1. If the **Board** Health Division finds that the 16 17 proposed cemetery authority has in good faith complied with all 18 lawful requirements, it shall within 30 days issue a certificate of 19 authority for the operation of a cemetery.

20 2. The certificate of authority is valid for 6 months [from] after the date of issuance. [, and if] If the cemetery authority has not 21 22 begun operations within that time, the certificate expires unless the [Board] Health Division has, for good cause, extended the period. 23 24 No such extension may be given for more than 6 months [from] 25 *after* the date of extension.

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**Sec. 80.** NRS 452.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 1. A person who proposes to purchase or acquire 452.590 28 control of an existing cemetery authority, either by purchase of the 29 outstanding capital stock of a cemetery authority or the interest of 30 the owner or owners, and thereby to change the control of the 31 cemetery authority, shall first make application to the **Board** 32 *Health Division* for a certificate of approval of the proposed change of control in the cemetery authority. 33

34 The application must contain the name and address of the 2. proposed new owners, and the **Board** Health Division may only 35 issue a certificate of approval after it is reasonably satisfied that the 36 proposed new owners are qualified by character, experience and 37 38 business and financial reputability and responsibility to control and operate the cemetery in a suitable and proper manner, and that the 39 interest of the public generally will not be jeopardized by the 40 41 proposed change in ownership and management. The **Board** 42 *Health Division* shall not issue a certificate of approval without the approval of the Administrator. 43





1 3. The application must be accompanied by a filing and 2 investigation fee of \$250 and any other fees related to the 3 application. No part of the fees is refundable.

4 **Sec. 81.** NRS 452.0055, 642.0677, 642.068, 642.070 and 5 642.210 are hereby repealed.

6 **Sec. 82.** 1. Any money received by the Nevada State Funeral 7 Board and deposited in banks, credit unions or savings and loan 8 associations pursuant to NRS 642.075 must, before January 1, 2014, 9 be deposited by the Board with the State Treasurer for credit to the 10 account created pursuant to section 4 of this act for the use of the 11 Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 13, 17 and 21 of this act, any person employed by the Nevada State Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 642.055 or 642.067 before January 1, 2014, or to whom the Board has, before that date, delegated its authority to take disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 642.075, shall be deemed to have been employed, or to have been delegated such authority, by the Health Division.

3. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 15,
18, 23, 39, 74 and 76 of this act, any regulation adopted by the
Nevada State Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 451.640, 452.026,
642.063, 642.069, 642.090 or 642.300 before January 1, 2014, shall
be deemed to have been adopted by, and may be enforced, amended
or repealed by, the Health Division.

25 Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 23, 4. 26 24, 26, 27, 31, 41, 42, 44, 48 to 53, inclusive, 58, 59, 60, 71, 73, 78, 27 79 and 80 of this act, any license, certificate, approval, permit or authorization issued, renewed, reactivated, reinstated, granted, 28 29 suspended or placed on inactive status by the Nevada State Funeral 30 Board pursuant to NRS 451.065, 451.635, 452.310, 452.340, 452.590, 642.090, 642.100, 642.115, 642.120, 642.180, 642.340, 31 32 642.345, 642.363, 642.400, 642.430 to 642.455, inclusive, 642.515, 33 642.518 or 642.521 before January 1, 2014, shall be deemed to have been issued, renewed, reactivated, reinstated, granted, suspended or 34 35 placed on inactive status, as applicable, by the Health Division.

5. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 28, 29, 55 and 64 of this act, any disciplinary action taken by the Nevada State Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 642.130, 642.135, 642.473 or 642.557 before January 1, 2014, shall be deemed to have been taken by the Health Division.

6. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of section 38 of
this act, any leave of absence or extension of a leave of absence
granted to a registered apprentice embalmer by the Nevada State
Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 642.290 before January 1, 2014,
shall be deemed to have been granted by the Health Division.





7. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 57
 and 61 of this act, any petition or complaint filed with the Nevada
 State Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 642.500 or 642.524 before
 January 1, 2014, shall be deemed to have been filed with the Health
 Division.

6 8. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of sections 65, 7 66 and 74 of this act, any prosecution or proceeding brought by or at the instance of the Nevada State Funeral Board pursuant to NRS 8 9 451.640, 642.570 or 642.575 and commenced with the filing of a complaint, petition or charging document before January 1, 2014, 10 shall be deemed to have been brought by or at the instance of the 11 12 Health Division. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 622A.120, 13 any such prosecution brought pursuant to NRS 642.570 and alleging 14 a violation of any provision of chapter 642 of NRS is governed by 15 the provisions of chapter 622A of NRS.

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9. Notwithstanding any amendatory provision of this act:

(a) Any contract or agreement entered into by the Nevada State
Funeral Board before January 1, 2014, shall be deemed to have been
entered into by, and may be enforced by or against, the Health
Division;

(b) Any asset or liability of the Nevada State Funeral Board that
was acquired or incurred before January 1, 2014, shall be deemed to
be an asset or liability of the Health Division; and

(c) Any other action taken by the Nevada State Funeral Board
before January 1, 2014, remains in effect as if taken by the Health
Division.

**Sec. 83.** The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing the supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, change any references to the Nevada State Funeral Board to refer to the Nevada Funeral Advisory Board or the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.

Sec. 84. This act becomes effective:

Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting
 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 On January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.

# **TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

**452.0055 "Board" defined.** "Board" means the Nevada State Funeral Board.





642.0677 Investigation of alleged violation; report to and action by Attorney General.

1. A member of the Board's staff who is designated by the Board may investigate an alleged violation of any provision of this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS, any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any order of the Board.

2. The designated member of the Board's staff shall report his or her findings to the Attorney General, who shall:

(a) Dismiss the investigation;

(b) Proceed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS, as appropriate, and chapter 233B of NRS; or

(c) Investigate the matter further before acting pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b).

**642.068** Fiscal year. The Board shall operate on the basis of a fiscal year commencing on July 1 and terminating on June 30.

**642.070 Deposit and use of fees.** All fees collected under the provisions of this chapter and chapters 451 and 452 of NRS must be paid to the Treasurer of the Board to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the Board. The Treasurer shall deposit the fees in banks, credit unions or savings and loan associations in the State of Nevada.

642.210 Filing of application; date when apprenticeship commences; credit for time spent.

1. An applicant for a certificate of registration as a registered apprentice shall immediately notify the Secretary of the Board of such fact in order to receive credit for time spent.

2. Credit on the required apprenticeship commences on the date the application for the certificate of registration is filed with the Secretary of the Board, and no applications may be accepted antedated.

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