

HOUSE BILL 731

IN THE HOUSE

February 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass. Report adopted. Objection.
February 23, 1979	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 16, 1979	Committee recommend bill, not concurrred.

IN THE HOUSE

March 17, 1979	Returned from Senate, not concurrred
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 2 INTRODUCED BY Raymond L. Linder
 3 Paul Patrick Cooney McBride
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 5 EDUCATION FOR RENEWAL OF A MORTICIAN'S LICENSE; AMENDING
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 13 postmarked before July 1 of the assessment year. The amount
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 15 not exceed \$50.

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 18 ~~prescribed by the board, that he has obtained the prescribed~~
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 20 ~~at programs accredited by the board.~~

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 22 ~~having failed to obtain the prescribed number of continuing~~
 23 ~~education hours through attendance at regularly accredited~~
 24 ~~programs, the board shall renew the license of a mortician~~
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1 ~~boards.~~
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 3 ~~comply with the continuing education requirements results in~~
 4 ~~automatic suspension of the license. The license may be~~
 5 ~~reinstated by the payment of unpaid renewal fees plus a~~
 6 ~~penalty of \$25 and compliance with the continuing education~~
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 10 administration of the continuing education provisions of
 11 this chapter, including but not limited to:

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 13 programs must be designed to ensure current competency in
 14 the practice of mortuary science.

15 (2) designation of the number of hours of continuing
 16 education required for license renewal; and

17 (3) development of alternative methods of fulfilling
 18 continuing education requirements. Alternative programs
 19 shall ensure competency substantially equivalent to that
 20 gained through regularly accredited programs and may
 21 include:

- 22 (a) home study courses;
- 23 (b) examinations; or
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25 Section 3. Codification. Section 2 is intended to be

1 codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 19. The
2 provisions of Title 37, chapter 19, apply to section 2 and
3 section 2 applies to the provisions of Title 37, chapter 19.
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5 section 2.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 357-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 14, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 731 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

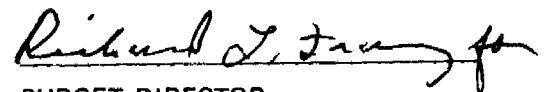
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

To require continuing education for renewal of a mortician's license.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2/18/79

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