

**ADOPTED**

Senator Heath of the 31st offered the following amendment:

*Amend HB 914 (LC 36 4281S) by adding after "so as" on line 2 the following:*

to provide for and change provisions relating to certain professions in this state;

*By adding after "in this state;" on line 3 the following:*

to remove certain crematory requirements as to retorts and to provide for an alternative cremation process;

*By adding "to provide for an effective date;" after "related matters;" on line 5.*

*By adding between lines 147 and 148 the following:*

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-18-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (20) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5.1) 'Cremation device' means a furnace, vat, or container in which dead human bodies are cremated."

~~"(20) 'Retort' means a furnace where dead human bodies are cremated~~ Reserved."

### **SECTION 8.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-18-8, relating to identification of body or remains of deceased and affidavit required for cremated remains, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) No funeral director in charge of a crematory shall permit any dead body to be on the premises of the crematory without the dead body being identified as provided by this subsection, except when the body is placed in ~~the retort~~ a cremation device; and the tag shall be removed from the body and kept in a regular location near the ~~retort~~ cremation device during cremation and thereafter placed atop the cremated remains on the inside of the vessel and any liner therein. The vessel containing cremated remains shall be plainly labeled on the outside so as to identify the deceased with the same information, excluding social security number, as is required to be on the tag inside the vessel and so as to identify the name of the person or firm to which such remains are to be delivered or released."

**SECTION 9.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-18-72, relating to crematories to be licensed, equipment, facilities, and personnel, application, reports, and limitation of single body in retort, by revising paragraph (a)(1) and subsection (e) as follows:

"(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to operate a crematory without first obtaining a separate license for such purpose from the board in accordance with this article. The crematory must be at a specific address or location and must meet the following requirements and have the following minimum equipment, facilities, and personnel:

(A) A room with seating for a minimum of 30 people in which funeral services may be conducted;

(B) A display room containing an adequate supply of urns;

(C) Rolling stock consisting of at least one operable motor hearse either owned or leased by said firm with current Georgia registration;

(D) At least one operable ~~retort for cremation~~ cremation device;

(E) At least one operable processing station for grinding of cremated remains;

(F) At least one church truck; and

(G) Not be located within 1,000 feet of a residential subdivision platted and recorded in the office of the clerk of the superior court of a county in which such residential subdivision is located."

"(e) No more than one dead human body shall be placed in a ~~retort~~ cremation device at one time unless written permission has been received from the person possessing legal responsibility for the disposition of the dead human body."

**SECTION 10.**

This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2020.

**SECTION 11.**