

House Bill 1392

By: Representatives Santos of the 117th, Griffin of the 149th, and Stinson of the 150th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-18-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 requirement to only practice at licensed funeral establishment, organic human reduction
3 facility, or crematory and requirements of funeral establishments, so as to revise the
4 requirement that a funeral establishment maintain at least eight caskets at each of its
5 locations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-18-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement
9 to only practice at licensed funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or
10 crematory and requirements of funeral establishments, is amended to read as follows:

11 "43-18-70.

12 (a) No embalmer or funeral director shall engage in the practice of embalming or funeral
13 directing at a funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory which
14 is not licensed by the board.

15 (b) A funeral establishment ~~must~~ shall be at a specified street address or location and must
16 have the following minimum facilities and equipment:

- 17 (1) A room with adequate seating for a minimum of 30 people in which funeral services
18 may be conducted;
- 19 (2) A preparation room equipped with a nonporous, sanitary ~~floor~~ flooring and walls, and
20 necessary drainage and ventilation and containing necessary instruments and supplies for
21 the preparation and embalming of dead human bodies;
- 22 (3) A display room containing actual caskets or models, mock-ups, or sections of caskets
23 or similar items if all such caskets are available and in stock for purchase at the
24 establishment or can be delivered within 24 hours. Each funeral establishment shall
25 maintain on the premises at each of its locations an adequate stock of funeral caskets
26 which shall not be less than ~~eight~~ four and which shall meet such other criteria as
27 necessary to protect the public;
- 28 (4) At least one operable motor hearse which is either owned or leased by the
29 establishment and which has a current Georgia registration; and
- 30 (5) At least one church truck.
- 31 (c) The board may adopt and enforce such rules as may be reasonable and proper to define
32 such necessary drainage, ventilation, and nonporous, sanitary flooring and walls and
33 necessary and suitable instruments, supplies, and merchandise in a funeral establishment.
- 34 (d) If a funeral director resides in a funeral establishment to be accessible to the
35 community for purposes of satisfying the requirements of funeral director in full and
36 continuous charge, the living quarters in the funeral establishment shall include, at a
37 minimum, furnished sleeping quarters, cooking, refrigerating, and bathing facilities."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.