

AN ACT

relating to the operation of crematory establishments by commercial embalming establishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 651.656(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person may not hold a crematory establishment license unless the person:

(1) holds a funeral establishment or commercial embalmers establishment license; or

(2) owns or operates a perpetual care cemetery.

SECTION 2. Section 651.352, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A licensed commercial embalmers establishment that meets the licensing requirements under Subchapter N may hold a crematory establishment license.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 56 was passed by the House on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 56 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor