

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

The proposed rules remove fees for services now offered online, remove the minimum number of embalmings required to gain experience for the funeral director license, add an additional attempt at the funeral director examination before having to obtain additional education, remove the requirement for continuing education providers to provide an outline to course attendees, and remove the burdensome deadline to file a funeral home application. The proposed rules also repeal a rule that prohibits funeral directors with an expired license from reinstating.

The proposed rule changes will not increase or decrease the number of small businesses already affected by the current regulations. The types of small businesses most likely to be affected by the proposed rule are funeral homes and continuing education sponsors.

Under the proposed rules, rules affecting small businesses are either repealed or amended as follows:

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Impact on Small Businesses**1. Estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule:**

NAICS CODE 812210	Funeral Homes	696
NAICS CODE 61169	Continuing Education Providers	76

2. Estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small business will incur to comply with the proposed rule.

The proposed rule eliminates a fee for duplicate wall certificate. The proposed rule does not impose any additional reporting, record keeping, or administrative costs.

3. Estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance with the proposed rule will have on all small businesses subject to the rule.

The proposed rule will not impose any additional cost on the funeral home or continuing education sponsor.

4. Statement justifying any requirement or cost that is imposed on small businesses by the rule; or any other state or federal law.

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5. Regulatory flexibility analysis**Consideration of alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.**

The purpose of the proposed rule is to remove fees and barriers to practice. There are no alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

Conclusion

The proposed rules are necessary to reduce fees and to remove barriers to become licensed and to practice.

Supporting Data, Studies, or Analyses

None.

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