

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 890

Florida Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services Act
by Senator Crist

Revises licensure requirements under provisions relating to funeral, cemetery, and consumer services.

Requires the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to establish a funeral director apprenticeship program. Requires the DFS to adopt procedures and criteria for the approval of funeral director apprentice training agencies and supervisors. Allows a funeral establishment at which funeral directing is practiced to apply for approval as an apprentice training agency. Authorizes a funeral director intern training agency approved by the DFS to serve as an apprentice training agency.

Authorizes a preneed licensee to charge the purchaser of a preneed contract for processing, filing, and archiving the contract and for performing other administrative duties related to the contract.

Requires that effective October 1, 2009, each direct disposal establishment shall have one full-time licensed funeral director acting as the direct disposer in charge. Provides exceptions.

Repeals a provision relating to a continuing education course for funeral directors, embalmers, and direct disposers on HIV and AIDS. (See bill for details)