

**OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 299 of 1980**

**339.1801 Definitions.**

Sec. 1801. As used in this article:

(a) "Business entity" means a person described in section 105(5)(b) or (c), except a sole proprietorship or general partnership.

(b) "Funeral establishment" means a place of business used in the care and preparation for burial or transportation of a dead human body or a place where an individual represents that he or she is engaged in the profession of undertaking or the practice of mortuary science.

(c) "Holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science" means an individual who satisfactorily completes a course in mortuary science, passes an examination required under this article, serves the required resident training, and is issued a license for the practice of mortuary science.

(d) "Practice of embalming" means the disinfecting or preserving of a dead human body, entirely or in part, by the use of a chemical substance, fluid, or gas in the body or by the introduction of a chemical substance, fluid, or gas into the body by a vascular or hypodermic injection, or by direct application into an organ or cavity.

(e) "Practice of funeral directing" means engaging in or representing oneself as engaging in the supervising of the burial and disposal of a dead human body, managing a funeral establishment for the preparation, disposition, and care of a dead human body, or using, in connection with the user's name or funeral establishment, the word "funeral director", "funeral service professional", "undertaker", or "mortician", or any other title embodying the words "mortuary science" or otherwise implying that the individual is engaged as a funeral director.

(f) "Practice of mortuary science" means the practice of embalming or the practice of funeral directing, or both.

(g) "Resident trainee" means an individual who is engaged in learning the practice of embalming or funeral directing or the practice of mortuary science under the instruction and personal supervision of a holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science in this state.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of certain occupational functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at MCL 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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