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House File 223

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Public Health.

By WILSON and KOSEK.

## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred fifty-six (156), Code 1946, relating to the practice of embalming by making two (2) years of general college education a prerequisite to licensing and by providing that any and all funeral services be conducted by a licensed embalmer.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Section one hundred fifty-six point three  
2 (156.3), Code 1946, is amended by striking subsection one  
3 (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: "1. File  
4 with the state department of health an application upon a  
5 form prescribed by the department, presenting satisfactory  
6 proof that said applicant has completed an accredited high  
7 school course and two (2) years of general college education;  
8 together with such other information as may be deemed necessary.  
9 Provided that the requirement as to a general college education  
10 shall not apply to applicants who have commenced their studentship  
11 prior to the effective date of this act."

1 Sec. 2. Chapter one hundred fifty-six (156), Code 1946,  
2 is amended by adding thereto the following section: "156.10  
3 Any and all funeral services shall be conducted under the  
4 direction of a licensed embalmer."

1     Sec. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance  
2 shall be in full force and effect after publication in the  
3 ....., a newspaper published at  
4 ....., Iowa, and the.....,  
5 a newspaper published at....., Iowa.  
6 Said publication shall be without expense to the State of Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 223

The Bill substitutes two (2) years of general college education for the present requirement of one (1) year of studentship under a regularly licensed embalmer prior to entering an accredited school of embalming. It also recognizes the responsibility of the licensed embalmer for the complete supervision of funeral services.

Iowa funeral directors are of the opinion that the public will be better served by embalmers who have had a broader general education prior to entering embalming school and that such students will be better prepared for the study of such subjects as anatomy, chemistry, sanitary science, bacteriology, disinfection, etc.

The licensed embalmer is, of course, completely responsible for the proper burial of the dead and this responsibility should be declared in our statutes to include all phases of the funeral services.