

65-1766. Rules and regulations; policies; licensure, revocation, suspension or denial of; penalty. (a) The state board of mortuary arts shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration and implementation of this act. Such rules and regulations shall include the conditions under which dead human bodies of persons who died from an infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous disease can be transported from any place in the state to a crematory for the purpose of cremation; shall establish minimal standards of sanitation, required equipment and fire protection for all crematories as deemed necessary for the protection of the public.

(b) A crematory operator in charge may adopt reasonable policies, not inconsistent with this act or rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(c) The state board of mortuary arts may refuse to issue or renew a license or revoke, condition, limit, censure, fine or suspend a license for the crematory or crematory operator upon a finding that a crematory operator or the crematory operator in charge:

(1) Has maintained or operated a building or structure within the state as a crematory in violation of the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations adopted by the board of mortuary arts;

(2) has performed a cremation without a cremation authorization form signed by an authorizing agent;

(3) has made any misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent statements in applying for or securing an original or renewal license;

(4) has been convicted of a felony or an offense of moral turpitude, and has not demonstrated to the board's satisfaction that such crematory operator in charge has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;

(5) has violated any law, ordinance or rule and regulation affecting the handling, custody, care or transportation of dead human bodies or cremated remains;

(6) has been rendered unfit to operate a crematory by reason of illness, alcohol, chemicals or other types of substances, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;

(7) has failed or refused to properly protect or guard against contagious, communicable or infectious disease, or the spreading thereof;

(8) has or such person's agent, employee or representative has advertised, solicited or sold merchandise or services in a manner which is fraudulent, deceptive or misleading in form or content;

(9) has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be mentally ill, mentally disabled, not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(10) has failed to furnish the board, its investigators or representatives, information requested by the board;

(11) has failed to report to the board any adverse action taken against the crematory operator, crematory operator in charge or the crematory by another state or licensing jurisdiction, professional association or society, governmental agency, law enforcement agency or a court;

(12) has knowingly submitted any misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representation on a claim form, bill, statement or similar information to an authorizing agent, consumer or representative of the board;

(13) has had a license to operate a crematory, crematory operator or similar license revoked or suspended, or had other action taken against oneself or had an application for a license denied by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory, District of Columbia or other country. A certified copy of the record of the action of the other jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof;

(14) has aided or abetted an unlicensed person to practice any activity for which a license is required under article 17 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or supplemental thereof;

(15) has violated any rules and regulations adopted by the board or any state or federal law related to the practice of operating a crematory; or

(16) has failed to pay any fee required under this act.

(d) All administrative proceedings taken by the board pursuant to this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(e) A violation of this section or any provision of this act is hereby declared to be a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

History: L. 2001, ch. 183, § 7; L. 2010, ch. 131, § 13; July 1, 2011.