

1. Oklahoma Funeral Board
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3. I read and reviewed the entirety of the Oklahoma Funeral Board Rules
4. 2 unnecessary, 2 outdated, and 1 ineffective rule for a total of three Rules

#1 Rule

5a. 235:10-7-2.Prohibited acts (19) Child Support Statute. Failure to comply with the child support statute provisions of 43 O.S. §139.1 et al.

5b. This Rule requires a licensed Funeral Director or Embalmer to be compliant with the child support statutes.

5c. This Rule has been in effect for twenty plus years

5d. This Rule is ineffective and outdated because The Oklahoma Funeral Board does not have a mechanism of monitoring this Rule and has not prosecuted any licensee with a violation of this Rule.

#2 Rule

5a. 235:10-11-1.Minimum standards of performance (c) The practice of funeral directing shall not be construed to consist of the following functions: (1) The phoning in or faxing of obituary notices; ordering of flowers or merchandise; delivery of death certificates to attending physicians; or clerical preparation of death certificates, insurance forms, and any clerical tasks that record the information compiled by the funeral director or that are incidental to any of the functions specified above.

5b. This Rule allows a non-licensed funeral director to phone in or fax an obituary and deliver death certificates to a physician.

5c. This Rule has been in effect for twenty plus years

5d. This Rule is ineffective and outdated because obituaries are not phoned in or fax anymore, they are all emailed which the rule does address. The Rule also allows a non-licensed funeral director to deliver death certificates to the attending physician. Death certificates are all transmitted on-line through the Department of Health's ROVER death certificates system.

#3 Rule

5a. 235:10-11-1. Minimum standards of performance (a) (7) (C) Should distention and/or purge occur after treatment, aspiration and injection as required above shall be repeated.

5b. This Rule requires a licensed Embalmer to re-aspirate a decedent if the deceased is purging.

5c. This Rule has been in effect for twenty plus years

5d. This Rule is duplicative because the Rule above it "235:10-11-1 (a) (7) (A) Liquid, semi-solid, and gaseous contents which can be withdrawn through a trocar shall be aspirated by the use of at least 18 inches (mercury) vacuum" mandates that these liquids which can be withdrawn shall be aspirated.