

Reinstating Specific Expired COVID Waivers for MDH

Many of the expired HRD COVID-19 Waivers under the state's prior declared peacetime emergency are still important to the continued response to the ongoing pandemic. This proposal would ensure public health and safety by allowing flexibility with specific regulatory requirements. These waivers would be effective immediately and would expire no later than June 30, 2022.

Mortuary Science Licensing Change

This proposal would permit unlicensed or non-interns to work directly under the supervision of a licensed mortician. Having unlicensed staff make removals of dead human body from the place of death allowed licensed morticians to conduct licensed work such as funeral arrangements, embalming procedures and/or funeral services.

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, many funeral homes staff were taxed with the growing number of deaths and limited resources. When the number of COVID-19 deaths increased, funeral staff struggled to meet the death needs. Having unlicensed staff registered with HRD make removals of dead human body from the place of death allowed licensed morticians to conduct licensed work such as funeral arrangements, embalming procedures and/or funeral services. Now, with reduced workforce and continued need for mortuary science services, the ability to increase staffing capabilities within this industry is critical.

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(d) An unlicensed person operating un the supervision of a licensed mortician or licensed funeral director may take charge of a dead human being to remove it from the place of death, provided the unlicensed person is trained by the supervising mortician or funeral director to perform these activities.