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Title 17 Professions, Occupations, and Businesses  
Subtitle 2. Nonmedical Professions  
Chapter 29 Embalmers, Funeral Directors, and Funeral Establishments  
Subchapter 3 -- Embalmers and Funeral Directors Law -- Licensing

A.C.A. § 17-29-314 (2015)

**17-29-314. Crematory retort operator -- Qualifications.**

**(a)** A person who desires to have a license as a crematory retort operator in this state shall:

**(1)** Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

**(2)** Have received a high school diploma or a Certificate of General Educational Development;

**(3)** Make written application to the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and attach the fee prescribed by § 17-29-208;

**(4)** Take and pass the appropriate exams as determined by the board; and

**(5)** Provide the information required by the board.

**(b)** Application for a crematory retort operator license shall be made on forms furnished by the board.

**(c)** Each crematory retort operator shall be required to submit initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration blood-borne pathogen training.

**(d) (1)** The board shall grant the application if the board finds that the applicant:

**(A)** Possesses a knowledge of the operation of a crematorium retort; and

**(B)** Meets the qualifications under this section.

**(e) (1)** The board may require an applicant for licensure as a crematory retort operator to successfully complete up to twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction in crematory operation practices and ethics, and laws and rules affecting cremations and operating a crematory retort.

**(2)** The board shall approve all courses that satisfy this requirement.

**(f)** Within a reasonable amount of time after the effective date of this subchapter, a

crematory retort operator who is operating a crematory retort in this state shall be licensed as determined by rules of the board.

**HISTORY:** Acts 2015, No. 1095, § 38.