

Policy Making and Body Raking

Thursday March 2, 2023

11:15am – 12:00pm

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What's Going On In Your Jurisdiction?

- New legislation
- In the News
- Board issues
- Policy changes



Operation Nightingale

- Nursing diploma scandal
- 7600+ fraudulent nursing degrees
- 25 arrests....so far
- Implicates at least 5 states
- Texas action



Operation Nightingale: Texas



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TEXAS BOARD of NURSING

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Filed Formal Charges

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This list will be updated continuously as the Board receives additional information about the fraudulent diploma/transcript scheme.

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Texas Board of Nursing Nurse Portal

- Verify License
- Renew License
- Check Application Status
- Applications & Forms
- Online Services
- CNE Course Catalog

UPDATES, NEWS AND NOTICES

- COVID-19 Information
- Beware of Scammers Using Falsified Documents
- E-Prescribing Waiver Form Available
- Neighbor Scam Alert
- Address Changes to be submitted through Nurse Portal
- Beware of Scam Tactics Utilized During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- Telephone Scam Alert
- Notice to Licensees Who Bill for Services: Texas Department of Insurance has Adopted Emergency Rules related to Balance Billing
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates

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United States Federal Law S. 1084

- Part of the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act
- Signed into law by President January 6, 2023
- For service members and spouses, States must recognize the valid/in good standing professional license from other states—except for law— if they moved because of military orders and only for the service period within that military order.
- Compact privileges take precedence over federal law.
- Note: approximately 39% of military spouses require state-based licenses for their career.
- 20%+ took 10 months or more to obtain a license

Human Composting/Natural Organic Reduction

- Process using large vessels to hold human remains which are combined with straw and wood chips and other natural materials. Creates heat of over 131 degrees F. Safe for use in gardens etc. Process takes 4 to 6 weeks.
- NOTE: alkaline hydrolysis is being introduced in conjunction with natural organic reduction as part of some of the same bills

Human Composting/Natural Organic Reduction

- 2019, Washington first state to legalize
- Colorado, Oregon followed in 2020
- California, Vermont, and New York in 2022
- New Jersey and Massachusetts pending in 2023

South Carolina...pending

- S 165: Use of criminal convictions as a basis for licensure decisions, conviction must be directly related to duties and responsibilities. (passed committees)
- H 3615: deregulation of embalmers, funeral directors and many others

Arkansas...pending

- SB 99 addressing annual reports
- SB 97 addressing prepaid funeral benefits and sanctioned licensee reporting
- SB 95 addressing renewal of licensure
- SB 90 addressing disqualifying criminal convictions
- SB 373 addressing funeral and cemetery expense and Medicaid
- SB 148 addressing victims compensation fund

Tennessee...pending

- HB0939/SB0934 addressing time periods for waiting before interring
- HB0074/SB0255 addressing general education definitions
- HB1137/SB1197 addressing requirements for insures to provide names of beneficiaries

Arizona...dropped

- SB 1210
- Removal of Board, shift to Department of Health
- Removal of embalmer license
- Status?
- Dropped as of January 25, 2023???

Arizona...<https://funeralboard.az.gov/licensing-information/regulation-rollback>

- “Regulation Rollback” is a strategic step in our state’s ongoing work to make Arizona the best state in the nation for businesses and consumers alike.
- We’ve made great progress in growing our economy and streamlining state government over the past two years. We still have a lot of work to do to make sure outdated regulations aren’t slowing us down.
- No longer will regulations remain in place “just because they’re on the books and nobody’s bothered to change them.”
- “Regulation Rollback” is offering a new online service to crowd source recommendations on how to update Arizona’s regulatory system.
- At Redtape.AZ.gov, associations, organizations, and individuals across the state can recommend ways to improve or eliminate outdated regulations.
- We need your help, you are the experts. Visit this portal for your opportunity to provide specific input to the Governor’s office on an outdated rule or regulation that stifles Arizona’s consumers and job creators.
- Submit your suggestions here: www.Redtape.AZ.gov
- We thank you for your help in highlighting ways to improve state government and to better serve Arizonans.

Ohio

- News
- Ohio Senate passes bill updating burial, cremation laws
- Updated: Mar. 16, 2022, 4:39 p.m.
- Published: Mar. 16, 2022, 2:42 p.m.

Virginia...pending

- SB 1487 addressing registration for alkaline hydrolysis providers and Board authority to inspect.
- HJ 513 directs the Board to study the creation, operation, and duties of natural organic reduction...tabled.
- HB 1573 addressing the removal from applications questions re mental health.

New Jersey Composting

**SENATE, No. 3610
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE**

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- In committee, has not yet passed
- "Natural organic reduction" means the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.
- "Natural organic reduction facility" means a structure, room, or other space in a building or real property where natural organic reduction of a human body occurs.

New Jersey

- **NEWS**
- **Funeral home suspension: neglected body, homeless presence and ‘altered’ behavior**
- By **Brad McElhinny**
- August 18, 2022 - 4:29 pm

DEI & J

- NEWS + OPINION » BUSINESS
- **The Next Generation of Morticians Is Mostly Young, Female and 'Called' to the Profession**
- By KEN PICARD
- Published October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. | Updated November 15, 2022 at 7:54 p.m.

Pennsylvania

- “Funeral Director’s License Suspended”
- *Terri-Morgan Besecker, The Times-Tribune, Scanton, PA*
- *August 15, 2022*

Nova Scotia

- News release
- Funeral Home Licence Suspended
- Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services April 21, 2022 - 1:35 PM

Michigan

- State revokes licenses of now-shuttered Detroit funeral home, manager
 - By Amber Ainsworth
 - Published October 11, 2022
 - Crime and Public Safety
 - FOX 2 Detroit | |

Indiana

- INDIANA NEWS
- **Indy funeral home license suspended after body left out to decay**
- by: [Matt Christy](#)
- Posted: Aug 9, 2022 / 01:24 PM EDT
- Updated: Oct 11, 2022 / 02:34 PM EDT

Arkansas

- **Ouachita County coroner has embalmers, funeral directors and funeral home license revoked by state board**
 - *by [Bradly Gill](#) | May 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.*

Regulatory Climate

- Deregulation
- Barriers to workforce/licensure
- Red tape reduction
- Criminal background checks/Good moral character
- Mobility/Portability
- Military/Military spouse
- First Amendment

Thank You