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Purpose of September 25, 2026, Rules Committee Meeting:

On August 6, 2026, the Rules Committee of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services continued its discussion regarding the following seven (7) rules for which it determined should be opened for development as a result of statutory changes made by SB598 – “Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services – 2026” (SB598).

- Rule 69K-5.009, F.A.C.- Regulatory Standards for Evaluating Applications by the Board
- Rule 69K-18.002, F.A.C. - Funeral Director Intern Training Program
- Rule 69K-18.003, F.A.C. - Concurrent Internships
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- Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C. - Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors
- Rule 69K-31.001, F.A.C. - Procedure Required

The Committee decided that the following four rules required further discussion to arrive at proposed language. These rules will be discussed at the Committee’s September 25, 2026, meeting. Written comments that are received in advance of the meeting (by September 15, 2026) will be included in the Committee meeting materials.

- Rule 69K-18.002, F.A.C. - Funeral Director Intern Training Program
- Rule 69K-18.003, F.A.C. - Concurrent Internships
- Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C. - Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers
- Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C. - Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors

Additionally, the Committee decided to consider a new rule – Rule 69K-9.005 – which was proposed by Luke Grabowski, Esq. This proposed new rule is included for discussion at the Committee’s September 25, 2026, meeting, along with the statute it implements.

To assist the Rules Committee in its review, the following meeting materials provide the entire current wording of each of the four listed rules plus the statutes in chapter 497, F.S., which were impacted by SB598 and are referenced in these rules. For any statute set out in the meeting workbook, the following information was included:

- A brief description of the impact of SB598 on the listed statute
- A copy of the full, currently published statute, which incorporates the changes made by SB598.

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Rules for Discussion:

69K-18.002 Funeral Director Intern Training Program.

69K-18.002 Funeral Director Intern Training Program.

(1) THIS RULE IMPLEMENTS SECTIONS 497.375 AND 497.373(2)(c), F.S.

(2) APPLICATION FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERN LICENSE.

(a) Persons desiring licensure as a funeral director intern shall apply for such license by completing Form DFS-N1-1722, "Application for Funeral Director Intern License," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17331>, with a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The application form shall be filed with the Division at the address stated on the form. The fee includes an application of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5, which shall accompany the form.

(b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within 2 years preceding the application for licensure are exempt from the application fee and the initial unlicensed activity fee. The military record must show such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(c) Applicants shall submit with their application for license, proof of satisfying the education requirements of Section 497.375(1)(b), F.S. The applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of satisfying education requirements complying with Section 497.373, F.S.

(d) If the Division determines that the applicant for internship has no reportable criminal history within the meaning of Section 497.142(10)(c), F.S., and has no record of disciplinary action against any professional license, and otherwise meets the criteria for issuance of the internship license pursuant to Section 497.375, F.S., the Division shall so notify the applicant in writing, and upon receipt of such written notification the applicant may commence their internship; provided, all such approvals by the Division shall be reported to the Board at its next regular monthly meeting and shall be subject to ratification by the Board. As to any applicant which the Division determines has a reportable criminal history within the meaning of Section 497.142(10)(c), F.S., or has a record of disciplinary action against any professional license, or fails to meet any criteria for issuance of the internship license pursuant to Section 497.375, F.S., the Division shall present the application to the Board for its decision at the Board's next regular in-person monthly meeting.

(3) ENROLLMENT IN COURSE OF STUDY WHILE INTERNING. This rule section implements Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S.

(a) An applicant under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., must meet each and all of the requirements specified in Sections 497.375(1)(b)2.a, [and b.](#) ~~and c.~~, F.S.

(b) An applicant under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., must be enrolled in a course of study referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., as of the date the applicant's application for intern license is received by the Division. The course of study must be approved by the Board pursuant to Section 497.373, F.S.

(c) A course of study in "mortuary science" as referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., shall be a Type 1 course as defined in Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. "Courses of Study: Criteria; Procedures for college or university

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to obtain approval.”

(d) A course of study in “funeral service arts” as referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., shall be a Type 2 course as defined in Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. “Courses of Study: Criteria; Procedures for college or university to obtain approval.”

(e) A funeral director intern licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., shall during the internship remain continuously enrolled in, and attending as required by the college or university, the course of study indicated in their internship application (hereinafter in this rule section the “course of study”), until the course of study is successfully completed or the internship ends.

1. If during the internship the intern’s enrollment or attendance in the course of study for any reason terminates prior to successful completion of the course of study, the intern shall immediately suspend all activities under their internship license, and shall within 20 business days advise their internship supervisor that their enrollment or attendance in the course of study has terminated prior to successful completion of the course of study.

2. If an intern’s internship supervisor is notified by the intern they supervise, licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., that the intern has, prior to successful completion of the course of study, ceased or been terminated from current enrollment in the course of study or has ceased attendance in the course of study, the supervisor shall immediately suspend all activities under the internship and within 20 calendar days shall complete and file with the Division Form DFS-N1-2040 “Report of Suspension of Intern’s Conditions of Internship,” effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department’s website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17336>. If the supervisor receives information from a source the supervisor deems reliable, specifically asserting that the intern they supervise, licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., has, prior to successful completion of the course of study, ceased or been terminated from current enrollment in the course of study or has ceased attendance in the course of study, the supervisor shall within 20 calendar days require the intern to provide the supervisor written proof from the school that the intern is currently enrolled in and attending the course of study, and if such proof is not received within 20 days of the supervisor’s request the supervisor shall immediately suspend all activities under the internship and within 5 business days shall complete and file with the Division a form DFS-N1-2040 “Report of Suspension of Intern’s Conditions of Internship.”

3. An intern whose internship has been suspended pursuant to this subparagraph may petition the Board to reinstate the internship. The petition shall not be granted unless the intern demonstrates that the termination of enrollment or attendance was due to illness, personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond the intern’s reasonable control.

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING AGENCY AND SUPERVISOR; CHANGES.

(a) Funeral director interns shall train under their funeral director intern license only at a funeral establishment approved as a training agency pursuant to Rule 69K-18.004, F.A.C. “Intern Training Agencies.” The training agency shall appoint the funeral director who shall supervise the intern. Funeral director interns shall be supervised in their funeral director internship activities by a funeral director employed at the training agency, holding a valid funeral director license under Chapter 497, F.S.

(b) Funeral director interns shall identify on their application for intern license the intern training agency where they will be trained, and the name and license number of the licensed funeral director who will supervise them.

(c) A training agency may at any time appoint a different funeral director, employed by the training agency, to supervise an intern. No approval by the Board or the Division is required for a change in supervisor pursuant

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to this rule subsection.

(d) An intern's internship supervisor may at any time terminate their supervision of the intern. The supervisor shall notify the intern and the training agency of such termination of supervision, and the training agency shall appoint a replacement supervisor. The exiting supervisor shall file their final training report as required by paragraph (9)(c) of this rule.

(e) To notify the Division of termination of supervision and/or change in supervisor, the intern must file Form DFS-N1-1734, "Notice of Change of Supervisor and/or Location", which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 69K-18.001(2)(c), F.A.C.

(f) An intern shall report a change to a different training agency on the first quarterly training report submitted after such change.

(5) LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP.

(a) One year of full-time funeral director internship training shall be required to satisfy the requirement of Section 497.373(2)(c), F.S. "Full-time" shall be deemed and construed to mean training comprising at least 40 hours each week for at least fifty weeks, to be completed within a contiguous twelve month period.

(b) An intern may on the internship application request an internship start date of up to 21 days after Board approval of the internship application, and such request shall be granted.

(c) Unless renewed by the Board pursuant to this rule, a funeral director internship shall terminate at the end of the 365th day after the internship began.

(d) A funeral director internship may not be extended, but may be renewed subject to the requirements of Sections 497.375(4)(b) and (c), F.S., as those sections are implemented in this rule.

(6) RENEWAL OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERNSHIP TO CONTINUE COURSE OF STUDY.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S.

(b) No funeral director internship may be renewed under Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S., unless the internship license was applied for and granted under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S.

(c) An intern whose internship license was applied for and granted under Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., may apply to renew the internship by filing with the Division a completed Form DFS-N1-2036, "Application to Renew Funeral Director Internship to Continue Course of Study," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17333>. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The fee includes an application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5.

(d) An applicant shall be currently enrolled in and attending the course of study identified in the original application for internship, when the application for renewal is filed.

(e) As a prerequisite to certifying to the licensing authority that an intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts, the funeral director in charge (FDIC) of a training agency shall require the intern to provide the FDIC with an academic transcript issued by the college or university where the intern is enrolled. The FDIC shall review said transcript to verify that the intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts.

(f) The application to renew internship must be filed before the initial internship period ends. No renewal shall be granted if the application to renew is not filed before the end of the initial internship period. An application to renew may not be filed earlier than the 10th month of the initial internship period.

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(g) Only one renewal shall be granted to any one intern.

(h) The renewal shall be for an additional one year period to commence immediately upon the end of the initial internship period.

(i) The Division shall approve the application to renew internship if the Division finds the application to be complete, the applicable fee is paid, and the internship is eligible for renewal under Section 497.375, F.S. The Division shall provide the Board at each monthly Board meeting with an informational report of internships renewed pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S.

(7) RENEWAL OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERNSHIP DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY, HARDSHIP, OR AWAITING EXAM RESULTS.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S.

(b) An intern seeking to renew the internship pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S., shall apply to renew the internship by filing with the Division a completed Form DFS-N1-2037, "Application to Renew Internship Due to Illness, Hardship, or Awaiting Results," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17334>. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The fee includes an application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5.

(c) The application to renew internship must be filed before the initial internship period ends. No renewal shall be granted if the application to renew is not filed before the end of the initial internship period. An application to renew may not be filed earlier than the 10th month of the initial internship period.

(d) Only one renewal shall be granted to any one intern.

(e) The renewal shall be for an additional one year period to commence immediately upon the end of the initial internship period.

(f) Applications under Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S., shall be presented to and ruled upon by the Board.

(8) SUPERVISION – SHIFT FROM DIRECT TO GENERAL SUPERVISION.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S.

(b) No funeral director intern may shift to general supervision pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S., unless the intern's internship was applied for and granted pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S.

(c) An intern under Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., may apply to take the laws-and-rules examination required under Section 497.373(2)(b), F.S. (hereinafter the "Florida Law & Rules Exam"), by completing and submitting a form DFS-N1-2038, "Application to Take the Florida Law & Rules Exam," which is incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable Florida Law & Rules Exam fee pursuant to Section 497.376, F.S., and Rule 69K-17.001, F.A.C. The application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5 shall accompany the form.

(d) An intern under Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., desiring to change to general supervision, shall submit a completed Form DFS-N1-2039 "Certification for General Supervision of Intern," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17335>. The certification shall be signed by the funeral director in charge (FDIC) of the training agency where the intern is receiving training, to certify that in the FDIC's opinion the intern is competent to complete the internship under general supervision.

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(e) The Division shall review the application and shall notify the applicant that the application is approved upon a determination by the Division that the application is complete, the applicant has passed the Florida Law & Rules Exam, and the applicant appears eligible to proceed to general supervision under Section 497.375, F.S. The intern may commence performance of internship duties under general supervision upon notification of approval by the Division. The Division shall provide the Board each month with a report of interns who have been approved to shift to general supervision pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S.

(9) TRAINING REPORTS.

(a) An intern's internship supervisor shall prepare and file training reports concerning the intern's performance, on a calendar quarter basis, throughout the internship, including any renewal of the internship, and whether the intern is performing under direct or general supervision. The reports shall be filed with the Division on Form DFS-N1-1747, "Supervisor's Quarterly Report of Apprentice or Intern Training," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17332>.

(b) Training reports shall be due 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter to which they relate. The first quarterly training report shall cover the partial calendar quarter in which the internship began. A subsequent training report shall be due for every subsequent calendar quarter of the internship. A final training report shall be filed within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which the internship was completed or terminated.

(c) Upon a change in supervisor of the intern, the exiting supervisor shall within 30 days complete and file with the Division a training report through the last date of supervision of the intern by the exiting supervisor. The new supervisor shall commence filing training reports concerning the intern.

(d) If during any quarter of the internship the funeral director intern receives instruction from more than one licensed Florida funeral director, each such instructor shall be required to certify the training on a form DFS-N1-1747, "Supervisor's Quarterly Report of Apprentice or Intern Training," which is incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C., giving the dates during which instruction was given and the training activities engaged in by the intern under his or her supervision.

(e) No funeral director license will be issued until all required training reports have been received by the Division.

(10) ONLY ONE INTERNSHIP PER PERSON ALLOWED.

No person shall be granted more than one internship license in their lifetime; provided, this rule provision shall not be deemed to bar renewal of internship licenses as authorized by Section 497.375(4), F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 497.103(5)(b), 497.103(2)(c), (g), 497.375(2), 497.141(2), (4), (12)(g) FS. Law Implemented 497.140, 497.141, 497.147, 497.373, 497.375 FS. History—New 11-11-79, Amended 6-4-80, 8-10-83, Formerly 21J-18.02, Amended 12-11-88, 11-15-92, Formerly 21J-18.002, Amended 1-8-95, 7-14-99, Formerly 61G8-18.002, Amended 8-13-12, 1-5-17, 2-20-19, 1-26-25.

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Referenced statute:

497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director intern.

IMPACT OF SB598: deletes an exception to the educational requirements for an applicant seeking licensure to be a funeral director

497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director intern.—

(1)(a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed by rule of the licensing authority, together with a nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., an applicant must hold the educational credentials required for licensure of a funeral director under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d).

2. An applicant who has not completed the educational credentials required for a funeral director license is eligible for licensure as a funeral director intern if the applicant:

a. Holds an associate degree or higher in any field from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

b. Is currently enrolled in and attending a licensing authority-approved course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts required for licensure of a funeral director under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d)2.

(c) An application must include the name and address of the funeral director licensed under s. [497.373](#) or s. [497.374](#)(1) under whose supervision the intern will receive training and the name of the licensed funeral establishment where the training will be conducted.

(d) A funeral director intern may perform only the tasks, functions, and duties relating to funeral directing which are performed under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director who has an active, valid license under s. [497.373](#) or s. [497.374](#)(1). However, a funeral director intern may perform those tasks, functions, and duties under the general supervision of a licensed funeral director upon graduation from a licensing authority-approved course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts required under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d)2. and passage of the laws and rules examination required under s. [497.373](#)(2)(b), if the funeral director in charge of the funeral director internship training agency, after 6 months of direct supervision, certifies to the licensing agency that the intern is competent to complete the internship under general supervision.

(2) Rules shall be adopted establishing a funeral director internship program and criteria for funeral director intern training agencies and supervisors. Any funeral establishment where funeral directing

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is conducted may apply to the licensing authority for approval as a funeral director intern training agency.

(3) A funeral establishment designated as a funeral director intern training agency may not exact a fee from any person obtaining intern training at such funeral establishment.

(4)(a) A funeral director intern license expires 1 year after issuance and, except as provided in paragraph (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (e), may not be renewed.

(b) A funeral director intern who is eligible for licensure under subparagraph (1)(b)2. may renew her or his funeral director intern license for an additional 1-year period if the funeral director in charge of the funeral director intern training agency certifies to the licensing authority that the intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts.

(c) The licensing authority may adopt rules that allow a funeral director intern to renew her or his funeral director intern license for an additional 1-year period if the funeral director intern demonstrates her or his failure to complete the internship before expiration of the license due to illness, personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond her or his reasonable control or demonstrates that she or he has completed the requirements for licensure as a funeral director but is awaiting the results of a licensure examination. However, a funeral director intern who renews her or his license under paragraph (b) is not eligible to renew the license under this paragraph.

(d) The licensing authority may require payment of a nonrefundable fee for the renewal of any funeral director intern license. The fee shall be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed the fee set pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) for an initial funeral director intern license.

(e) Upon expiration of a funeral director intern license, any intern that has completed the educational credentials required for a license as a funeral director and has applied for licensure may continue to perform the tasks, functions, and duties related to funeral directing in the manner provided in paragraph (1)(d) until a license is issued or denied, or for a period of 90 days, whichever occurs sooner.

History.—ss. 1, 5, ch. 79-231; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 89-8; s. 20, ch. 91-137; s. 138, ch. 92-149; ss. 11, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 65, ch. 94-119; s. 80, ch. 2004-301; s. 19, ch. 2010-125; s. 25, ch. 2018-7; s. 10, ch. 2021-113; s. 6, ch. 2026-50.

Note.—Former s. 470.012.

6/12/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-18.002 Funeral Director Intern Training Program

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

- Open Rule 69K-18.002, F.A.C., for rule development.
- Open Rule 69K-18.003, F.A.C., for rule development.
- Although these are Shared rules which were reviewed in FY25-26 with no changes recommended, the passage of SB598 now requires changes. These rules, plus all rules contained in rule chapter 69K-18, F.A.C., should be added to the annual review of rules that will be conducted pursuant to section 497.5435, F.S. in FY26-27.

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8/6/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-18.002 Funeral Director Intern Training Program

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION: Accept the proposed changes suggested by Luke Grabowski (shown in blue in (3)(a) of the above rule) and continue discussion at the next meeting during both the follow-up to SB598 and the annual rule review.

9/25/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-18.002 Funeral Director Intern Training Program

WERE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED?	CHECK BELOW IF "YES"	CHECK BELOW IF "NO"
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DEPARTMENT NOTES REGARDING CURRENT RULEMAKING STATUS:
 The Board filed a Notice of Rule Development on 7/21/26 (no proposed language at this time).

VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

69K-18.003 Concurrent Internships

69K-18.003 Concurrent Internships.

(1) This rule implements Section 497.377, F.S.

(2) GENERAL – An applicant for concurrent internship must meet all the separate requirements for the funeral director internship, and the embalmer internship. An applicant for concurrent internship shall complete and file with the Division Form DFS-N1-1732, "Application for Concurrent Intern License," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17054>. Unless exempt, the application shall be accompanied by payment of the application fee specified on the form. The application fee is nonrefundable.

(3) LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP.

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(a) One year of full-time internship training served concurrently, consisting of both funeral director and embalming activities, shall be required to satisfy the requirement of a concurrent internship under Section 497.377, F.S. "Full-time" shall be deemed and construed to mean training comprising at least 40 hours each week for at least fifty weeks.

(b) A concurrent internship shall not begin prior to approval of the internship application by the board. A concurrent internship shall be deemed to begin on the day after the Board approves the internship application; provided, an intern may on the internship application request an internship start date of up to 21 days after Board approval of the internship application, and such request shall be granted.

(c) The funeral director portion of a concurrent internship shall terminate at the end of the 365th day after the internship began, unless renewed by the Board pursuant to Section 497.375(4), F.S. A funeral director internship may not be extended, but may be renewed subject to the requirements of Sections 497.375(4)(b) and (c), F.S.

(d) The embalmer portion of the concurrent internship may not be renewed pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S. The embalmer portion of a concurrent internship shall terminate 365 days after issuance of the concurrent internship license, unless extended due to personal injury or illness of the intern as specified in Rule 69K-18.001, F.S.

(4) APPLICABILITY OF Section 497.375(1)(b)2, F.S., TO CONCURRENT INTERNSHIPS.

(a) Section 497.375(1)(b)2., F.S., regarding commencing a funeral director internship while enrolled in a course of study, may be utilized by concurrent internship applicants as regards the education requirements for funeral director licensure, but not as regards the education requirements for embalmer licensure. A concurrent internship license application will be denied unless the applicant has, as of the date of application for concurrent internship is received by the Division, completed the educational requirements applicable to embalmer internships pursuant to Sections 497.370(2) and 497.368(1)(d), F.S.

(5) EDUCATION PREREQUISITES FOR CONCURRENT INTERNSHIP. Applicants for a concurrent internship license may satisfy the education requirements of Sections 497.368 and 497.375, F.S., by compliance with subsections (a), (b), or (c), below. See Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C., for explanation of Types 1, 2, and 3 courses of study.

(a) Award, prior to application for concurrent internship license, of a 2-year or 4-year college degree from a program that was accredited by the American Board of Funeral Science Education (ABFSE) when the degree was awarded.

(b) Award of any 2-year or 4-year college degree, and completion of a Board approved Type 1 (combination funeral directing and embalming) course of study approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. Both the college degree and the Type 1 course of study must have been awarded and completed prior to application for concurrent internship license.

(c) Award of a 2-year or 4-year college degree in any major; completion of a Board approved Type 3 (embalming only) course of study; and enrollment, as of date of concurrent internship license application, in a Board approved Type 1 (combination funeral directing and embalming) or Type 2 (funeral service arts) course of study. The Type 1 or 2 course of study shall be one approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. The college degree and the Type 3 course of study must both have been awarded and completed prior to application for concurrent internship license.

(6) NO PERSON SHALL BE ISSUED MORE THAN ONE CONCURRENT INTERNSHIP LICENSE IN THEIR LIFETIME.

(7) To notify the Division of termination of supervision and/or change in supervisor, the intern must file Form

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DFS-N1-1734, "Notice of Change of Supervisor and/or Location", which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 69K-18.001(2)(c), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 497.103(2)(c), 497.103(5), 497.141(2), (12)(g), 497.370(3), 497.375(2), 497.377 FS. Law Implemented 497.368, 497.370, 497.373, 497.375, 497.377 FS. History—New 11-11-79, Formerly 21J-18.03, 21J-18.003, 61G8-18.003, Amended 7-17-12, 2-20-19, 1-26-25.

Referenced statute:

497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director intern.

IMPACT OF SB598: deletes an exception to the educational requirements for an applicant seeking licensure to be a funeral director

497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director intern.—

(1)(a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed by rule of the licensing authority, together with a nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., an applicant must hold the educational credentials required for licensure of a funeral director under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d).

2. An applicant who has not completed the educational credentials required for a funeral director license is eligible for licensure as a funeral director intern if the applicant:

a. Holds an associate degree or higher in any field from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

b. Is currently enrolled in and attending a licensing authority-approved course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts required for licensure of a funeral director under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d)2.

(c) An application must include the name and address of the funeral director licensed under s. [497.373](#) or s. [497.374](#)(1) under whose supervision the intern will receive training and the name of the licensed funeral establishment where the training will be conducted.

(d) A funeral director intern may perform only the tasks, functions, and duties relating to funeral directing which are performed under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director who has an active, valid license under s. [497.373](#) or s. [497.374](#)(1). However, a funeral director intern may perform those tasks, functions, and duties under the general supervision of a licensed funeral director upon graduation from a licensing authority-approved course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts required under s. [497.373](#)(1)(d)2. and passage of the laws and rules examination required under s. [497.373](#)(2)(b), if the funeral director in charge of the funeral director internship

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training agency, after 6 months of direct supervision, certifies to the licensing agency that the intern is competent to complete the internship under general supervision.

(2) Rules shall be adopted establishing a funeral director internship program and criteria for funeral director intern training agencies and supervisors. Any funeral establishment where funeral directing is conducted may apply to the licensing authority for approval as a funeral director intern training agency.

(3) A funeral establishment designated as a funeral director intern training agency may not exact a fee from any person obtaining intern training at such funeral establishment.

(4)(a) A funeral director intern license expires 1 year after issuance and, except as provided in paragraph (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (e), may not be renewed.

(b) A funeral director intern who is eligible for licensure under subparagraph (1)(b)2. may renew her or his funeral director intern license for an additional 1-year period if the funeral director in charge of the funeral director intern training agency certifies to the licensing authority that the intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts.

(c) The licensing authority may adopt rules that allow a funeral director intern to renew her or his funeral director intern license for an additional 1-year period if the funeral director intern demonstrates her or his failure to complete the internship before expiration of the license due to illness, personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond her or his reasonable control or demonstrates that she or he has completed the requirements for licensure as a funeral director but is awaiting the results of a licensure examination. However, a funeral director intern who renews her or his license under paragraph (b) is not eligible to renew the license under this paragraph.

(d) The licensing authority may require payment of a nonrefundable fee for the renewal of any funeral director intern license. The fee shall be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed the fee set pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) for an initial funeral director intern license.

(e) Upon expiration of a funeral director intern license, any intern that has completed the educational credentials required for a license as a funeral director and has applied for licensure may continue to perform the tasks, functions, and duties related to funeral directing in the manner provided in paragraph (1)(d) until a license is issued or denied, or for a period of 90 days, whichever occurs sooner.

History.—ss. 1, 5, ch. 79-231; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 89-8; s. 20, ch. 91-137; s. 138, ch. 92-149; ss. 11, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 65, ch. 94-119; s. 80, ch. 2004-301; s. 19, ch. 2010-125; s. 25, ch. 2018-7; s. 10, ch. 2021-113; s. 6, ch. 2026-50.

Note.—Former s. 470.012.

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RULE TITLE: 69K-18.003 Concurrent Internships

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

- Open Rule 69K-18.002, F.A.C., for rule development.
- Open Rule 69K-18.003, F.A.C., for rule development.
- Although these are Shared rules which were reviewed in FY25-26 with no changes recommended, the passage of SB598 now requires changes. These rules, plus all rules contained in rule chapter 69K-18, F.A.C., should be added to the annual review of rules that will be conducted pursuant to section 497.5435, F.S. in FY26-27.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION: Tabled for discussion at next meeting when more information may be available.

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DEPARTMENT NOTES REGARDING CURRENT RULEMAKING STATUS:

The Board filed a Notice of Rule Development on 7/21/26 (no proposed language at this time).

VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

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69K-25.001 Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers

69K-25.001 Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers.

(1) The Board specifically finds that no presumption shall arise as to equivalence or stringency of requirements or examinations of other states except as provided by this rule, and that a determination of equivalence or stringency shall be determined in the manner set forth herein.

(2) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services determines that persons who have successfully completed a course, embracing at least the subjects specified in Section 497.368(1)(d), (e), F.S., at a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or by this Board and who have passed an embalmer examination administered by a licensing agency of another state or The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards with a score of at least 75% on all sections of the examination and who hold a current valid license to practice embalming in the original state of licensure are considered to have met standards substantially equivalent to the requirements of this state.

(3) Applicants for licensure by endorsement for embalmers shall complete and submit the Application For Embalmer License By Endorsement, form number DFS-N1-1707, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16585> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms. Applicants applying for licensure by endorsement based upon five years of full-time employment must complete and submit the Certification of Employment History, form number DFS-N1-1775, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16587> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms.

Rulemaking Authority 497.103, 497.369 FS. Law Implemented 497.140, 497.141, 497.142, 497.146, 497.369 FS. History—New 6-4-80, Amended 12-24-81, 8-10-83, 10-16-85, Formerly 21J-25.01, 21J-25.001, Amended 8-8-00, Formerly 61G8-25.001, Amended 5-19-24.

Referenced statute:

497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.

IMPACT OF SB598: revises the requirements for an applicant seeking licensure by endorsement to be an embalmer

497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.—

(1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority certifies:

(a) Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,

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military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(b)1. Holds a valid license in good standing to practice embalming in another state of the United States and has engaged in the full-time, licensed practice of embalming in that state for at least 5 years; or

2. Meets the qualifications for licensure in s. [497.368](#), except that the internship requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied by 1 year's practice as a licensed embalmer in another state, and has, within 10 years before the date of application, successfully completed a state, regional, or national examination in mortuary science which, as determined by rule of the licensing authority, is substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the examination given by the licensing authority.

(c) Has submitted proof of completion of a licensing authority-approved course on communicable diseases.

(d) Has made disclosure of the applicant's criminal records, if any, as required by s. [497.142](#). The applicant shall submit fingerprints in accordance with s. [497.142](#). The applicant may not be licensed under this section unless the licensing authority determines the applicant is of good character and has no demonstrated history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or professional matters.

(2) State, regional, or national examinations and requirements for licensure in another state shall be presumed to be substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the examination and requirements in this state unless found otherwise by rule of the licensing authority.

(3) The licensing authority shall not issue a license by endorsement or a temporary license to any applicant who is under investigation or prosecution in any jurisdiction for an act which would constitute a violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation or prosecution is complete.

(4) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall pass the examination on local, state, and federal laws and rules relating to the disposition of dead human bodies required under s. [497.368](#) and which shall be given by the licensing authority. Licensure by endorsement under subparagraph (1)(b)1. does not require any educational or testing requirements other than those required in this subsection.

(5)(a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the next available examination required under subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

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(b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

History.—ss. 1, 5, ch. 79-231; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 89-8; s. 135, ch. 92-149; ss. 6, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 61, ch. 94-119; s. 315, ch. 97-103; s. 74, ch. 2004-301; s. 96, ch. 2005-2; s. 28, ch. 2005-155; s. 20, ch. 2018-7; s. 17, ch. 2022-138; s. 4, ch. 2026-50.

Note.—Former s. 470.007.

6/12/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-25.001 Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

- Open Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C., for rule development.
- As necessary, add all 6 rules contained in rule chapter 69K-16, F.A.C., to the annual review of rules that will be conducted pursuant to section 497.5435, F.S. in FY26-27.
- Add Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C., to the annual review of rules that will be conducted pursuant to section 497.5435, F.S. in FY26-27.

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RULE TITLE: 69K-25.001 Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION: Tabled to next meeting

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RULE TITLE:

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DEPARTMENT NOTES REGARDING CURRENT RULEMAKING STATUS:

The Board filed a Notice of Rule Development on 7/21/26 (no proposed language at this time).

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VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

69K-25.002 Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors

69K-25.002 Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors.

(1) The Board specifically finds that no presumption shall arise to equivalence or stringency of requirements or examinations of other states except as provided by this rule, and that a determination of equivalence or stringency shall be determined in the manner set forth herein.

(2) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services determines that persons who have successfully completed a course in mortuary science prior to 1979 at a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education and who have passed a Funeral Director Examination administered by a licensing agency of another state or the examination administered by The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards with a score of at least 75% on all sections of the examination and who hold a current valid license to practice funeral directing in the original state of licensure; or

(3) If licensed subsequent to October 1, 1979, those who hold an associate degree in mortuary science from a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or by this Board and have met the examination requirements as stated in subsection (2) are considered to have met standards substantially equivalent to this state.

(4) Applicants for licensure by endorsement for funeral director shall complete the Application For Funeral Director License By Endorsement, form number DFS-N1-1721, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16586> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms. Applicants applying for licensure by endorsement based upon five years of full-time employment must complete and submit the Certification of Employment History, form number DFS-N1-1775, incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 497.103, 497.374 FS. Law Implemented 497.140, 497.141, 497.142, 497.146, 497.374 FS. History—New 6-4-80, Amended 12-24-81, 8-10-83, 10-16-85, Formerly 21J-25.02, Amended 7-30-86, Formerly 21J-25.002, Amended 8-8-00, Formerly 61G8-25.002, Amended 5-19-24.

Referenced statute:

497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.

IMPACT OF SB598: revises the requirements for an applicant seeking licensure by endorsement to be a funeral director

497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director by endorsement; licensure of a temporary

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funeral director.—

(1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 and who:

(a) Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(b)1. Holds a valid license in good standing to practice funeral directing in another state of the United States and has engaged in the full-time, licensed practice of funeral directing in that state for at least 5 years; or

2. Meets the qualifications for licensure in s. [497.373](#), except that the applicant need not hold an associate degree or higher if the applicant holds a diploma or certificate from an accredited program of mortuary science, and has successfully completed a state, regional, or national examination in mortuary science or funeral service arts which, as determined by rule of the licensing authority, is substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the examination given by the licensing authority.

(c) Has submitted proof of completion of a licensing authority-approved course on communicable diseases.

(d) Has made disclosure of the applicant's criminal records, if any, as required by s. [497.142](#). The applicant shall submit fingerprints in accordance with s. [497.142](#). The applicant may not be licensed under this section unless the licensing authority determines the applicant is of good character and has no demonstrated history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or professional matters.

(2) The licensing authority shall not issue a license by endorsement or a temporary license to any applicant who is under investigation or prosecution in any jurisdiction for acts which would constitute a violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation or prosecution is complete.

(3) State, regional, or national examinations and requirements for licensure in another state shall be presumed to be substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the examination and requirements in this state unless found otherwise by rule of the licensing authority.

(4) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall pass the examination on local, state, and federal laws and rules relating to the disposition of dead human bodies required under s. [497.373](#) and which shall be given by the licensing authority. Licensure by endorsement under subparagraph (1)(b)1. does not require education or testing requirements other than those required in s. [497.373\(2\)\(b\)](#).

(5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the general supervision of a funeral director licensed under subsection (1) or s. [497.373](#). Such license shall expire 60 days after the

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date of the next available examination required under subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

History.—ss. 1, 5, ch. 79-231; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 89-8; s. 137, ch. 92-149; ss. 10, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 64, ch. 94-119; s. 317, ch. 97-103; s. 79, ch. 2004-301; s. 30, ch. 2005-155; s. 9, ch. 2007-55; s. 18, ch. 2010-125; s. 24, ch. 2018-7; s. 19, ch. 2022-138; s. 5, ch. 2026-50.

Note.—Former s. 470.011.

6/12/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-25.002 Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

- Open Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C., for rule development.
- Add Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C., to the annual review of rules that will be conducted pursuant to section 497.5435, F.S. in FY26-27.

8/6/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-25.002 Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION: Tabled to next meeting

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DEPARTMENT NOTES REGARDING CURRENT RULEMAKING STATUS:

The Board filed a Notice of Rule Development on 7/21/26 (no proposed language at this time).

VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

NEW RULE PROPOSED BY LUKE GRABOWSKI, ESQ.: The Committee agreed to discuss the following proposed rule at its September 25, 2026, meeting.

69K-9.005. Exclusive Provider Agreements Prohibited.

(1) This Rule implements Section 497.164(6), Florida Statutes.

(2) For purposes of this rule, Affiliated Licensee shall mean any person or entity licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, sharing common ownership, management, or control with another licensee under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes.

(3) For purposes of this rule, Exclusive Provider Agreement means any written or oral contract, agreement, understanding, business practice, or other arrangement that designates a licensee or Affiliated Licensee as the sole or exclusive provider of funeral, cremation, refrigeration, removal, or other services regulated under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, for an entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to the general public.

(4) No licensee shall enter into maintain, renew, or enforce any Exclusive Provider Agreement which:

(a) Designates the licensee or an Affiliated Licensee as the exclusive or sole provider of funeral, cremation, refrigeration, removal, or other services regulated under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, for an entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to the general public.

(b) Requires an entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to the general public to utilize only one provider for any services regulated under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes.

(c) Restricts, limits, or discourages a legally authorized person's ability to select another licensee for the provision of any services regulated under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes.

(d) Provides compensation, rebates, commissions, gifts, gratuities, or anything of value to an entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to the general public in exchange for referrals or preferential treatment to any licensee or Affiliated Licensee.

(e) Allows the licensee or Affiliated Licensee to engage in solicitations of any person who was receiving care or treatment from an entity providing medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to that person at the time of that person's death, or to their legally authorized person.

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(5) Nothing in this rule shall prohibit a licensee from entering into a mutual aid agreement with any entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care to the general public for the Provision of services for disasters, mass casualty events, or periods of critical need withing the State in accordance with an executive order from the Governor or federal order declaring a state of emergency.

(6) The Board and Division shall have the right to review, investigate, and request the production of contracts, agreements, financial records, referral records, communications, and other documents necessary to determine compliance with this rule and Section 497.164(6), Florida Statutes.

Relevant statute:

497.164 Solicitation of goods or services.—

(1) The board is authorized to adopt rules regulating the solicitation of sales of burial rights, merchandise, or services by licensees.

(2) The board shall regulate such solicitation to protect the public from solicitation which is intimidating, overreaching, fraudulent, or misleading; which utilizes undue influence; or which takes undue advantage of a person's ignorance or emotional vulnerability.

(3) The board shall regulate any solicitation which comprises an uninvited invasion of personal privacy. It is the express finding of the Legislature that the public have a high expectation of privacy in their personal residences, and the department by rule shall restrict the hours or otherwise regulate such solicitation in the personal residence of a person unless the solicitation has been previously and expressly requested by the person solicited.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the right of a person to lawfully advertise, use direct mail, or otherwise communicate in a manner not within the definition of solicitation or to solicit the business of anyone responding to such communication or otherwise initiating discussion of goods and services being offered.

(5) At-need solicitation of sales of burial rights, merchandise, or services is prohibited. No person may contact the family or next of kin of a deceased person to sell services or merchandise unless the person has been initially called or contacted by the family or next of kin of such person or persons and requested to provide services or merchandise.

(6) A licensee under this chapter may not enter into a contract, agreement, or other arrangement in which such licensee or any affiliated licensee becomes the exclusive or sole provider of funeral, cremation, refrigeration, or removal services for any entity that provides medical, palliative, or other end-of-life care and services to the general public.

History.—s. 38, ch. 80-238; s. 409, ch. 81-259; s. 2, ch. 81-318; s. 4, ch. 85-16; s. 1, ch. 89-8; ss. 72, 122, ch. 93-399; s. 34, ch. 2004-301; s. 1, ch. 2026-50.

Note.—Former s. 559.408; s. 497.043; s. 497.321.

BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES
 RULES COMMITTEE - SB598 FOLLOW-UP RULE DISCUSSIONS
WORKBOOK #1 FOR RULES COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

8/6/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-9.005. Exclusive Provider Agreements Prohibited (NEW)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION: This newly proposed rule was not discussed at the 8/6/26 meeting other than to decide to review it in full at the 9/25/26 meeting.

9/25/2026 REVIEW NOTES

RULE TITLE: 69K-9.005. Exclusive Provider Agreements Prohibited (NEW)

WERE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED?	CHECK BELOW IF "YES"	CHECK BELOW IF "NO"

DEPARTMENT NOTES REGARDING CURRENT RULEMAKING STATUS:
 There is no currently pending rulemaking involving this proposed rule.

VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/DECISION:

From: [Karen Coles](#)
To: [Schwantes, Mary](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Rules 69K-18.002 and 69K-18.003
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2026 9:33:08 PM

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Dear Mrs. Schwantes,

My name is Karen R. Coles, and I am currently a funeral service student preparing to pursue licensure as both a Funeral Director and Embalmer in Florida.

I am writing to provide public comment regarding Rule 69K-18.002, Funeral Director Intern Training Program, and Rule 69K-18.003, Concurrent Internships.

As a student preparing to enter the profession, I believe the internship rules should provide clear and understandable guidance regarding the steps required to begin and successfully complete an internship. Students should be able to easily understand when they are eligible to begin an internship, what documentation is required, what responsibilities belong to the intern and supervising funeral director, and what happens if circumstances interrupt the internship.

I also support maintaining a practical pathway for students who are working toward both funeral director and embalmer licensure to complete concurrent internships when they meet the applicable requirements. Allowing qualified students to gain funeral directing and embalming experience during the same period can provide valuable hands-on education while helping them progress efficiently toward dual licensure.

I respectfully suggest that any revised language for Rules 69K-18.002 and 69K-18.003:

1. Clearly explain eligibility requirements for beginning a funeral director or concurrent internship.
2. Clearly identify all required forms, deadlines, reports, and supervisory responsibilities.
3. Provide reasonable flexibility when an internship is interrupted by documented educational, medical, or other significant circumstances.
4. Preserve a clear pathway for qualified individuals seeking both funeral director and embalmer licensure to complete concurrent training.
5. Ensure that students and training agencies can easily understand the requirements without unnecessary confusion or delays.

Suggested language for consideration could include:

“Internship requirements and application procedures shall be stated in a clear and accessible manner, including eligibility requirements, required documentation, reporting responsibilities, supervision requirements, and procedures for interruption or continuation of an internship.”

For concurrent internships, I would respectfully suggest language such as:

“An applicant who satisfies the applicable requirements for funeral director and embalmer internship training may complete such internships concurrently when supervised by an approved training agency and qualified licensee, subject to all applicable training and reporting requirements.”

My goal in offering these comments is to support rules that protect the public while also giving funeral service students a clear and workable path from education into supervised professional practice.

Thank you for allowing students and members of the public to participate in this rulemaking process.

Respectfully,

Karen Coles
Funeral Service Student

RECEIVED FROM WRW LEGAL
9/15/2026

WRW LEGAL RULES REVISIONS RE SB598 IMPACTED RULES

THIS IS THE PORTION OF THE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM WRW LEGAL WHICH CONCERN THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- Rule 69K-18.002, F.A.C. - Funeral Director Intern Training Program
- Rule 69K-18.003, F.A.C. - Concurrent Internships
- Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C. - Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers
- Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C. - Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors

FOR THESE FOUR RULES, THE RULES COMMITTEE REQUESTED WRITTEN COMMENTS AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. THESE RULES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2026, RULES COMMITTEE MEETING.

ACCORDING TO NOTES FROM WENDY WEINER, ESQ., “REVISIONS IN **BLUE** ARE THOSE MADE BY LUKE GRABOWSKI INCLUDED IN THE LAST RULES COMMITTEE PACKET AND THE REVISIONS IN **RED** ARE NEW AND ARE SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF FCCFA, FUNERAL SERVICES, INC. (FSI) AND SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA, LLC (SCI).”

ADDENDUM “B” TO WORKBOOK #1

69K-18.002. Funeral Director Intern Training Program.

(1) THIS RULE IMPLEMENTS SECTIONS 497.375 AND 497.373(2)(c), F.S.

(2) APPLICATION FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERN LICENSE.

(a) Persons desiring licensure as a funeral director intern shall apply for such license by completing Form DFS-N1-1722, "Application for Funeral Director Intern License," effective ~~10/24~~, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17331>, with a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The application form shall be filed with the Division at the address stated on the form. The fee includes an application of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5, which shall accompany the form.

(b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within 2 years preceding the application for licensure are exempt from the application fee and the initial unlicensed activity fee. The military record must show such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

(c) Applicants shall submit with their application for license, proof of satisfying the education requirements of Section 497.375(1)(b), F.S. The applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of satisfying education requirements complying with Section 497.373, F.S.

(d) If the Division determines that the applicant for internship has no reportable criminal history within the meaning of Section 497.142(10)(c), F.S., and has no record of disciplinary action against any professional license, and otherwise meets the criteria for issuance of the internship license pursuant to Section 497.375, F.S., the Division shall so notify the applicant in writing, and upon receipt of such written notification the applicant may commence their internship; provided, all such approvals by the Division shall be reported to the Board at its next regular monthly meeting and shall be subject to ratification by the Board. As to any applicant which the Division determines has a reportable criminal history within the meaning of Section 497.142(10)(c), F.S., or has a record of disciplinary action against any professional license, or fails to meet any criteria for issuance of the internship license pursuant to Section 497.375, F.S., the Division shall present the application to the Board for its decision at the Board's next regular in-person monthly meeting.

(3) ENROLLMENT IN COURSE OF STUDY WHILE INTERNING. This rule section implements Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S.

(a) An applicant under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., must meet each and all of the requirements specified in Sections 497.375(1)(b)2.a. ~~and b., and c.~~, F.S.

(b) An applicant under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., must be enrolled in a course of study referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., as of the date the applicant's application for intern license is received by the Division. The course of study must be approved by the Board pursuant to Section 497.373, F.S.

(c) A course of study in "mortuary science" as referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., shall be a Type 1 course as defined in Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. "Courses of Study: Criteria; Procedures for college or university to obtain approval."

(d) A course of study in "funeral service arts" as referred to at Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S., shall be a Type 2 course as defined in Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. "Courses of Study: Criteria; Procedures for college or university to obtain approval."

(e) A funeral director intern licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., shall during the internship remain continuously enrolled in, and attending as required by the college or university, the course of study indicated in their internship application (hereinafter in this rule section the "course of study"), until the course of study is successfully completed or the internship ends.

1. If during the internship the intern's enrollment or attendance in the course of study for any reason terminates prior to successful completion of the course of study, the intern shall immediately suspend all activities under their internship license, and shall within 20 business days advise their internship supervisor that their enrollment or attendance in the course of study has terminated prior to successful completion of the course of study.

2. If an intern's internship supervisor is notified by the intern they supervise, licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., that the intern has, prior to successful completion of the course of study, ceased or been terminated from current enrollment in the course of study or has ceased attendance in the course of study, the supervisor shall immediately suspend all activities under the internship and within 20 calendar days shall complete and file with the Division Form DFS-N1-2040 "Report of Suspension of Intern's Conditions of Internship," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17336>. If the supervisor receives information from a source the supervisor deems reliable, specifically asserting that the intern they supervise, licensed under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., has, prior to successful completion of the course of study, ceased or been terminated from current enrollment in the

course of study or has ceased attendance in the course of study, the supervisor shall within 20 calendar days require the intern to provide the supervisor written proof from the school that the intern is currently enrolled in and attending the course of study, and if such proof is not received within 20 days of the supervisor's request the supervisor shall immediately suspend all activities under the internship and within 5 business days shall complete and file with the Division a form DFS-N1-2040 "Report of Suspension of Intern's Conditions of Internship."

3. An intern whose internship has been suspended pursuant to this subparagraph may petition the Board to reinstate the internship. The petition shall not be granted unless the intern demonstrates that the termination of enrollment or attendance was due to illness, personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond the intern's reasonable control.

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING AGENCY AND SUPERVISOR; CHANGES.

(a) Funeral director interns shall train under their funeral director intern license only at a funeral establishment approved as a training agency pursuant to Rule 69K-18.004, F.A.C. "Intern Training Agencies." The training agency shall appoint the funeral director who shall supervise the intern. Funeral director interns shall be supervised in their funeral director internship activities by a funeral director employed at the training agency, holding a valid funeral director license under Chapter 497, F.S.

(b) Funeral director interns shall identify on their application for intern license the intern training agency where they will be trained, and the name and license number of the licensed funeral director who will supervise them.

(c) A training agency may at any time appoint a different funeral director, employed by the training agency, to supervise an intern. No approval by the Board or the Division is required for a change in supervisor pursuant to this rule subsection.

(d) An intern's internship supervisor may at any time terminate their supervision of the intern. The supervisor shall notify the intern and the training agency of such termination of supervision, and the training agency shall appoint a replacement supervisor. The exiting supervisor shall file their final training report as required by paragraph (9)(c) of this rule.

(e) To notify the Division of termination of supervision and/or change in supervisor, the intern must file Form DFS-N1-1734, "Notice of Change of Supervisor and/or Location", which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 69K-18.001(2)(c), F.A.C.

(f) An intern shall report a change to a different training agency on the first quarterly training report submitted after such change.

(5) LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP.

(a) One year of full-time funeral director internship training shall be required to satisfy the requirement of Section 497.373(2)(c), F.S. "Full-time" shall be deemed and construed to mean training comprising at least 40 hours each week for at least fifty weeks, to be completed within a contiguous twelve month period.

(b) An intern may on the internship application request an internship start date of up to 21 days after Board approval of the internship application, and such request shall be granted.

(c) Unless renewed by the Board pursuant to this rule, a funeral director internship shall terminate at the end of the 365th day after the internship began.

(d) A funeral director internship may not be extended, but may be renewed subject to the requirements of Sections 497.375(4)(b) and (c), F.S., as those sections are implemented in this rule.

(6) RENEWAL OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERNSHIP TO CONTINUE COURSE OF STUDY.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S.

~~(b) No funeral director internship may be renewed under Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S., unless the internship license was applied for and granted under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S.~~

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(c) An intern whose internship license was applied for and granted under Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., may apply to renew the internship by filing with the Division a completed Form DFS-N1-2036, "Application to Renew Funeral Director Internship to Continue Course of Study," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17333>. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The fee includes an application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5.

~~(d) An applicant shall be currently enrolled in and attending the course of study identified in the original application for internship, when the application for renewal is filed.~~

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(e) As a prerequisite to certifying to the licensing authority that an intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts, the funeral director in charge (FDIC) of a training agency shall require the intern to provide the FDIC with an academic transcript issued by the college or university where the intern is enrolled.

The FDIC shall review said transcript to verify that the intern has completed at least one-half of the course of study in mortuary science or funeral service arts.

~~(f) The application to renew internship must be filed before the initial internship period ends. No renewal shall be granted if the application to renew is not filed before the end of the initial internship period. An application to renew may not be filed earlier than the 10th month of the initial internship period.~~

(g) Only one renewal shall be granted to any one intern.

(h) The renewal shall be for an additional one year period ~~to commence immediately upon the end of the initial internship period.~~

(i) The Division shall approve the application to renew internship if the Division finds the application to be complete, the applicable fee is paid, and the internship is eligible for renewal under Section 497.375, F.S. The Division shall provide the Board at each monthly Board meeting with an informational report of internships renewed pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S.

(7) RENEWAL OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR INTERNSHIP DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY, HARDSHIP, OR AWAITING EXAM RESULTS.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S.

(b) An intern seeking to renew the internship pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S., shall apply to renew the internship by filing with the Division a completed Form DFS-N1-2037, "Application to Renew Internship Due to Illness, Hardship, or Awaiting Results," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17334>. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$105. The fee includes an application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5.

(c) The application to renew internship must be filed before the initial internship period ends. No renewal shall be granted if the application to renew is not filed before the end of the initial internship period. ~~An application to renew may not be filed earlier than the 10th month of the initial internship period.~~

(d) Only one renewal shall be granted to any one intern.

(e) The renewal shall be for an additional one year period ~~to commence immediately upon the~~

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(f) Applications under Section 497.375(4)(c), F.S., shall be presented to and ruled upon by the Board.

(8) SUPERVISION -- SHIFT FROM DIRECT TO GENERAL SUPERVISION.

(a) This rule section implements Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S.

~~(b) No funeral director intern may shift to general supervision pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S., unless the intern's internship was applied for and granted pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S.~~

(c) An intern ~~under Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S.,~~ may apply to take the laws-and-rules examination required under Section 497.373(2)(b), F.S. (hereinafter the "Florida Law & Rules Exam"), by completing and submitting a form DFS-N1-2038, "Application to Take the Florida Law & Rules Exam," which is incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable Florida Law & Rules Exam fee pursuant to Section 497.376, F.S., and Rule 69K-17.001, F.A.C. The application fee of \$100 and an unlicensed activity fee of \$5 shall accompany the form.

(d) An intern ~~under Section 497.375(1)(b)2.b., F.S.,~~ desiring to change to general supervision, shall submit a completed Form DFS-N1-2039 "Certification for General Supervision of Intern," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17335>. The certification shall be signed by the funeral director in charge (FDIC) of the training agency where the intern is receiving training, to certify that in the FDIC's opinion the intern is competent to complete the internship under general supervision.

(e) The Division shall review the application and shall notify the applicant that the application is approved upon a determination by the Division that the application is complete, the applicant has passed the Florida Law & Rules Exam, and the applicant appears eligible to proceed to general supervision under Section 497.375, F.S. The intern may commence performance of internship duties under general supervision upon notification of approval by the Division. The Division shall provide the Board each month with a report of interns who have been approved to shift to general supervision pursuant to Section 497.375(1)(d), F.S.

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(9) TRAINING REPORTS.

(a) An intern's internship supervisor shall prepare and file training reports concerning the intern's performance, on a calendar quarter basis, throughout the internship, including any renewal of the internship, and whether the intern is performing under direct or general supervision. The reports shall be filed with the Division on Form DFS-N1-1747, "Supervisor's Quarterly Report of Apprentice or Intern Training," effective 10/24, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website at

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17332>.

(b) Training reports shall be due 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter to which they relate. The first quarterly training report shall cover the partial calendar quarter in which the internship began. A subsequent training report shall be due for every subsequent calendar quarter of the internship. A final training report shall be filed within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which the internship was completed or terminated.

(c) Upon a change in supervisor of the intern, the exiting supervisor shall within 30 days complete and file with the Division a training report through the last date of supervision of the intern by the exiting supervisor. The new supervisor shall commence filing training reports concerning the intern.

(d) If during any quarter of the internship the funeral director intern receives instruction from more than one licensed Florida funeral director, each such instructor shall be required to certify the training on a form DFS-N1-1747, "Supervisor's Quarterly Report of Apprentice or Intern Training," which is incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C., giving the dates during which instruction was given and the training activities engaged in by the intern under his or her supervision.

(e) No funeral director license will be issued until all required training reports have been received by the Division.

~~(10) ONLY ONE INTERNSHIP PER PERSON ALLOWED.~~

~~No person shall be granted more than one internship license in their lifetime; provided, this rule provision shall not be deemed to bar renewal of internship licenses as authorized by Section 497.375(4), F.S.~~

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69K-18.003. Concurrent Internships.

(1) This rule implements Section 497.377, F.S.

(2) GENERAL -- ~~An applicant for concurrent internship must meet all the separate requirements for the funeral director internship, and the embalmer internship.~~ An applicant for concurrent internship shall complete and file with the Division Form DFS-N1-1732, "Application for Concurrent Intern License," effective ~~10/24~~, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Department's website <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/funeralcemetery/> or at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17054>. Unless exempt, the application shall be accompanied by payment of the application fee specified on the form. The application fee is nonrefundable.

(3) LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP.

(a) One year of full-time internship training served concurrently, consisting of both funeral director and embalming activities, shall be required to satisfy the requirement of a concurrent internship under Section 497.377, F.S. "Full-time" shall be deemed and construed to mean training comprising at least 40 hours each week for at least fifty weeks.

(b) A concurrent internship shall not begin prior to approval of the internship application by the board. A concurrent internship shall be deemed to begin on the day after the Board approves the internship application; provided, an intern may on the internship application request an internship start date of up to 21 days after Board approval of the internship application, and such request shall be granted.

(c) The funeral director portion of a concurrent internship shall terminate at the end of the 365th day after the internship began, unless renewed by the Board pursuant to Section 497.375(4), F.S. ~~A funeral director internship may not be extended, but may be renewed subject to the requirements of Sections 497.375(4)(b) and (c), F.S.~~

(d) ~~The embalmer portion of the concurrent internship may not be renewed pursuant to Section 497.375(4)(b), F.S.~~ The embalmer portion of a concurrent internship shall terminate 365 days after issuance of the concurrent internship license, ~~unless extended due to personal injury or illness of the intern as specified in Rule 69K-18.001, F.S.~~

~~(4) APPLICABILITY OF Section 497.375(1)(b)2, F.S., TO CONCURRENT INTERNSHIPS.~~

~~(a) Section 497.375(1)(b) 2., F.S., regarding commencing a funeral director internship while~~

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enrolled in a course of study, may be utilized by concurrent internship applicants as regards the education requirements for funeral director licensure, but not as regards the education requirements for embalmer licensure. A concurrent internship license application will be denied unless the applicant has, as of the date of application for concurrent internship is received by the Division, completed the educational requirements applicable to embalmer internships pursuant to Sections 497.370(2) and 497.368(1)(d), F.S.

(4) EDUCATION PREREQUISITES FOR CONCURRENT INTERNSHIP. Applicants for a concurrent internship license may satisfy the education requirements of ~~Sections 497.368~~ Sections 497.370 and 497.375, F.S., by compliance with subsections (a) ~~or~~, (b); ~~or (c);~~ below. ~~See Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C., for explanation of Types 1, 2, and 3 courses of study.~~

(a) Award, prior to application for concurrent internship license, of a 2-year ~~or 4-year~~ college degree ~~or higher in any field~~ from a ~~program that was accredited by the American Board of Funeral Science Education (ABFSE) when the degree was awarded; college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.~~

~~(b) Award of any 2-year or 4-year college degree, and completion of a Board approved Type 1 (combination funeral directing and embalming) course of study approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. Both the college degree and the Type 1 course of study must have been awarded and completed prior to application for concurrent internship license.~~

~~(c) Award of a 2-year or 4-year college degree in any major; completion of a Board approved Type 3 (embalming only) course of study; and enrollment, as of date of concurrent internship license application, in a Board approved Type 1 (combination funeral directing and embalming) or Type 2 (funeral service arts) course of study. The Type 1 or 2 course of study shall be one approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 69K-100.035, F.A.C. The college degree and the Type 3 course of study must both have been awarded and completed prior to application for concurrent internship license. Submit evidence demonstrating that the applicant is currently enrolled in and attending a college accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) in a course of study in mortuary science accredited by ABFSE.~~

~~(5) NO PERSON SHALL BE ISSUED MORE THAN ONE CONCURRENT INTERNSHIP+ LICENSE IN THEIR LIFETIME.~~

(6) To notify the Division of termination of supervision and/or change in supervisor, the intern must file Form DFS-N1-1734, "Notice of Change of Supervisor and/or Location", which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 69K-18.001(2)(c), F.A.C.

69K-25.001. Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers.

~~(1) The Board specifically finds that no presumption shall arise as to equivalence or stringency of requirements or examinations of other states except as provided by this rule, and that a determination of equivalence or stringency shall be determined in the manner set forth herein.~~

~~(1) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services may shall, upon receiving a completed application and payment of the appropriate fee, and without the requirement of passing the National Board Examination issued by The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards or any other educational or testing requirements, issue an embalmer license by endorsement to any applicant who holds a valid license in good standing to practice embalming in another state of the United States, and who has engaged in the full-time, licensed practice of embalming in another state for a least 5 years. determines that persons who have successfully completed a course, embracing at least the subjects specified in Section 497.368(1)(d), (e), F.S., at a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or by this Board and who have passed an embalmer examination administered by a licensing agency of another state or The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards with a score of at least 75% on all sections of the examination and who hold a current valid license to practice embalming in the original state of licensure are considered to have met standards substantially equivalent to the requirements of this state:~~

~~(2) Applicants for licensure as an embalmer by endorsement must pass an examination approved by the Board of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services on the local, state, and federal laws and rules relating to the disposition of dead human bodies.~~

~~(3) Applicants for licensure as an embalmer by endorsement by endorsement for embalmers shall complete and submit the Application For Embalmer License By Endorsement, form number DFS-N1-1707, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16585> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms. Applicants applying for licensure by endorsement based upon five years of full-time employment must complete and submit the Certification of Employment History, form number DFS-N1-1775, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16587> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms.~~

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Rule 69K-25.002, F.A.C.

69K-25.002. Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors.

~~(1) The Board specifically finds that no presumption shall arise to equivalence or stringency of requirements or examinations of other states except as provided by this rule, and that a determination of equivalence or stringency shall be determined in the manner set forth herein.~~

(1) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services ~~may shall, upon receiving a completed application and payment of the appropriate fee, and without the requirement of passing the National Board Examination issued by The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards or any other educational or testing requirements, issue a funeral director license by endorsement to any applicant who holds a valid license in good standing to practice funeral directing in another state of the United States, and who has engaged in the full-time, licensed practice of funeral directing in another state for a least 5 years. determines that persons who have successfully completed a course in mortuary science prior to 1979 at a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education and who have passed a Funeral Director Examination administered by a licensing agency of another state or the examination administered by The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards with a score of at least 75% on all sections of the examination and who hold a current valid license to practice funeral directing in the original state of licensure; or~~

~~(2) Applicants for a funeral director license by endorsement must pass an examination approved by the Board of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services on the local, state, and federal laws and rules relating to the disposition of dead human bodies.~~

~~(3) If licensed subsequent to October 1, 1979, those who hold an associate degree in mortuary science from a school or college approved by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or by this Board and have met the examination requirements as stated in subsection (2) are considered to have met standards substantially equivalent to this state.~~

(34) ~~Applicants for a funeral director license by endorsement~~ Applicants for licensure by endorsement for funeral director shall complete the Application For Funeral Director License By Endorsement, form number DFS-N1-1721, effective 05/24, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16586> and at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/licensing#forms. Applicants applying for licensure by endorsement based upon five years of full-time employment must complete and submit the Certification of Employment History, form number DFS-N1-1775, incorporated by reference in Rule 69K-25.001, F.A.C.