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**PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING  
CHAPTER 497, FLORIDA STATUTES – AUGUST 2, 2018**

**AGENDA**

**Location:** Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 166, Southwood State Campus  
4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Date:** Thursday, August 2, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Facilitators:** Chasity O’Steen, General Counsel  
Elizabeth Boyd, Deputy CFO – Consumer and Public Affairs  
Mary Schwantes, Division Director - Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION  
Purpose of meeting: to obtain input from industry and public on matters impacting death care industry and/or chapter 497, Florida Statutes
- II. INPUT REGARDING ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION
  - a. Review of input received via written comments
- III. TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION – NEW TOPICS
  - a. Statutory clean-up issues
    - i. Reorganization of chapter to combine common requirements/statutory provisions currently located in the various sections on different licensees into one statute in the general section
    - ii. Clarification of section 497.002, Florida Statutes (purpose and intent provision) to add all licensee types to the list of those requiring regulation
    - iii. Clarification of definitions contained in section 497.005, Florida Statutes
    - iv. Elimination of all references to HIV course requirements
    - v. Add distinction between partnership and an LLC in section 497.141, Florida Statutes, which currently only distinguishes between a corporation and an LLC
    - vi. Relocate section 497.166, Florida Statutes, which is contained in the general provisions, to the section pertaining to preneed sales
    - vii. Other minor clean-up issues
- IV. TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION – FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PRIOR TOPICS
  - a. Direct Disposer license issues
    - i. Viewings (charge or no charge)
    - ii. Exam fee disparity
    - iii. Requirement for licensure

- b. Cremation issues
  - i. Alkaline hydrolysis
  - ii. Licensing cinerator operators
- c. Unlicensed activities
  - i. Authority to Investigate/Pursue
  - ii. Penalties
- d. Funeral Director in Charge
  - i. Location requirements
- e. Body donations
- f. Cemetery issues
  - i. Unlicensed cemeteries
  - ii. Handling of consumer complaints on unlicensed cemeteries

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Plan for future public workshop meetings

VI. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 – TAMPA, FLORIDA