1   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3   HOUSE BILL 2172   By: Pfeiffer

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6   AS INTRODUCED

7   An Act relating to professions and occupations;
         amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, as amended by
8   Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp.
         2024, Section 396), which relates to the Oklahoma
9   Funeral Board; extending sunset of the Board;
         providing an effective date; and declaring an
10   emergency.

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13   BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14   SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   59 O.S. 2021, Section 396, as

15   amended by Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024,

16   Section 396), is amended to read as follows:

17   Section 396. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July

18   1, ~~2024~~ 2029, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma

19   Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the

20   statutes to the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral

21   Directors shall be a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The

22   Board shall consist of seven (7) persons, who shall be appointed by

23   the Governor. The term of membership of each member of the Board

24   shall be five (5) years from the expiration of the term of the

member succeeded. Any member having served as a member of the Board

shall be eligible for reappointment. Provided that, a member of the

Board shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and any

unexpired term that a member is appointed to shall not apply to this

limit. The Governor shall appoint the necessary members to the

Board upon vacancies and immediately prior to the expiration of the

various terms. Upon request of the Governor, appointments of a

licensed embalmer and funeral director member of the Board shall be

made from a list of five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma

Funeral Directors Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy

shall be for the unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve

until a successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a

member of the Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person

is of good moral character and a resident of this state. Five of

the members shall have been actively engaged in the practice of

embalming and funeral directing in this state for not less than

seven (7) consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of

the person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral

Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain

a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on

the Board. Two of the members of the Board shall be chosen from the

general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed

and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be

licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,

1 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business

2 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two

3 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

4   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

5   SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation

6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and

8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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