## Florida Senate - 2007

By Senator Crist

12-428D-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to funeral, cemetery, and
3	consumer services; amending s. 497.141, F.S.;
4	prohibiting certain specified persons from
5	owning, managing, or operating a business
6	entity regulated or licensed under ch. 497,
7	F.S.; providing exceptions; amending s.
8	497.143, F.S.; defining the term "critical
9	need"; specifying conditions that justify the
10	issuance of a limited practice license to
11	retired professionals; amending s. 497.162,
12	F.S.; requiring the licensing authority to
13	adopt rules that authorize the use of the
14	Internet to fulfill the continuing educational
15	requirements mandated for funeral, cemetery,
16	and other personnel; amending s. 497.260, F.S.;
17	conforming a cross-reference; amending s.
18	497.271, F.S.; requiring pressure-relief
19	ventilation for certain private or family
20	mausoleums; creating s. 497.279, F.S.;
21	requiring the licensing authority to adopt
22	rules establishing minimum standards for newly
23	installed monuments and markers by a specified
24	date; authorizing the licensing authority to
25	define different classes of monuments and
26	markers under certain circumstances; requiring
27	that the rules provide minimum standards
28	relating to foundation and setting techniques
29	of monuments and markers; requiring the
30	licensing authority to prepare the rules in
31	cooperation with the Florida Monument Builders

1

1	Association; providing an exception; amending
2	s. 497.367, F.S.; requiring that each licensed
3	funeral director or embalmer complete HIV and
4	AIDS educational courses within a specified
5	time; amending s. 497.374, F.S.; revising
6	conditions for a funeral director to receive a
7	license by endorsement; amending s. 497.550,
8	F.S.; providing for monument retailers;
9	creating s. 497.609, F.S.; providing for
10	exemptions from liability for direct disposers,
11	direct disposal establishments, funeral
12	directors, funeral establishments, and
13	cinerator facilities when cremating a body;
14	amending s. 553.36, F.S.; defining the terms
15	"private mausoleum" and "columbarium"; amending
16	s. 553.73, F.S.; exempting certain columbaria
17	and mausoleums from provisions of the Florida
18	Building Code; amending s. 316.515, F.S.;
19	conforming a cross-reference; providing an
20	effective date.
21	
22	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
23	
24	Section 1. Present paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of
25	subsection (12) of section 497.141, Florida Statutes, are
26	redesignated as paragraphs (f), (g), and (h), respectively,
27	and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:
28	497.141 Licensing; general application procedures
29	(12)
30	(e)1. A person or business entity that is licensed
31	under chapter 395, chapter 400, or chapter 429, any person who
	2

1 serves on the board of such a business entity, or any person 2 who owns 5 percent or more of such a business entity may not own, manage, or operate a business entity whose service or 3 activity is licensed under this chapter. 4 5 2. This paragraph does not apply to any person who б serves on the board of directors of a business entity that is 7 licensed under chapter 395, chapter 400, or chapter 429, if 8 that person: a. Does not regularly participate in making 9 10 operational decisions for the business entity licensed under this chapter; 11 12 b. Receives no direct or indirect remuneration for 13 serving on the board of the business entity licensed under 14 this chapter; c. Has no financial interest in the operation licensed 15 16 under this chapter; or 17 d. Has no member of the person's immediate family with 18 a financial interest in the business entity licensed under this chapter. 19 Section 2. Section 497.143, Florida Statutes, is 20 21 amended to read: 22 497.143 Licensing; limited licenses for retired 23 professionals.--(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that, absent a 2.4 threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the 25 use of retired professionals in good standing to serve during 26 27 times of the indigent, underserved, or critical need within 2.8 the populations of this state should be encouraged. To that 29 end, rules may be adopted to permit practice by retired 30 professionals as limited licensees under this section. 31

3

1	(2) For the purpose of this section, the term
2	"critical need" means an executive order from the Governor or
3	a federal order declaring a state of emergency.
4	(3)(2) Any person desiring to obtain a limited
5	license, when permitted by rule, shall submit to the
б	department an application and fee, not to exceed \$300, and an
7	affidavit stating that the applicant has been licensed to
8	practice in any jurisdiction in the United States for at least
9	10 years in the profession for which the applicant seeks a
10	limited license. The affidavit shall also state that the
11	applicant has retired <del>or intends to retire</del> from the practice
12	of that profession and intends to practice only <u>under</u> <del>pursuant</del>
13	<del>to</del> the restrictions of the limited license granted pursuant to
14	this section. If the applicant for a limited license submits a
15	notarized statement from the employer stating that the
16	applicant will not receive monetary compensation for any
17	service involving the practice of her or his profession, <del>the</del>
18	application and all licensure fees shall be waived. In no
19	event may a person holding a limited license under this
20	section engage in preneed sales under <u>the</u> such limited
21	license.
22	(4)(3) Limited licensure may be denied to an applicant
23	who has committed, or is under investigation or prosecution
24	for, any act which would constitute the basis for discipline
25	under this chapter.
26	(5)(4) The recipient of a limited license may practice
27	only in the employ of public agencies or institutions or
28	nonprofit agencies or institutions which meet the requirements
29	of 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which
30	provide professional liability coverage for acts or omissions
31	of the limited licensee. A limited licensee may provide
	4

1 services only during times of to the indigent, underserved, or 2 critical need populations within the state. The standard for determining indigency shall be that recognized by the Federal 3 4 Poverty Income Guidelines produced by the United States 5 Department of Health and Human Services. Rules may be adopted б to define underserved and critical need areas and to ensure 7 implementation of this section. 8 (6)(5) The department may provide by rule for supervision of limited licensees to protect the health, 9 10 safety, and welfare of the public. All limited licensees must be employed by an entity licensed under this chapter. 11 12 (7) (6) Each applicant granted a limited license is 13 subject to all the provisions of this chapter under which the limited license is issued which are not in conflict with this 14 15 section. Section 3. Section 497.162, Florida Statutes, is 16 17 amended to read: 497.162 Health and safety education.--All individuals 18 not licensed under this chapter who intend to be employed as 19 operational personnel affiliated with a direct disposal 20 21 establishment, cinerator facility, removal service, 22 refrigeration facility, or centralized embalming facility, as well as all nonlicensed individuals who intend to be involved 23 in the removal or transportation of human remains on behalf of 2.4 a funeral establishment, direct disposal establishment, or 25 26 cinerator facility shall complete one course approved by the 27 licensing authority on communicable diseases, within 10 days 2.8 after the date that they begin functioning as operational 29 personnel on behalf of any entity that is regulated by this chapter. The course shall not exceed 3 hours and shall be 30 offered at approved locations throughout the state. Such 31

1 locations may include establishments that are licensed under 2 this chapter. The licensing authority shall adopt rules to implement and enforce this provision, which rules shall 3 include provisions that provide for the use of approved 4 5 videocassette courses and other types of audio, video, 6 Internet, or home study courses to fulfill the continuing 7 education requirements of this section. 8 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 497.260, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 9 10 497.260 Cemeteries; exemption; investigation and mediation.--11 12 (2) Section 497.276(1) as to burial records, and ss. 13 497.152(1)(d), 497.164, 497.2765, <u>497.278</u>, 497.280, and 497.284 apply to all cemeteries in this state. 14 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 15 497.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 16 17 497.271 Standards for construction and significant 18 alteration or renovation of mausoleums and columbaria.--19 (2) The licensing authority shall adopt, by no later than July 1, 1999, rules establishing minimum standards for 20 21 all newly constructed and significantly altered or renovated 22 mausoleums and columbaria; however, in the case of significant 23 alterations or renovations to existing structures, the rules shall apply only, when physically feasible, to the newly 2.4 altered or renovated portion of such structures, except as 25 specified in subsection (4). In developing and adopting such 26 27 rules, the licensing authority may define different classes of 2.8 structures or construction standards, and may provide for 29 different rules to apply to each of said classes, if the designation of classes and the application of different rules 30 is in the public interest and is supported by findings by the 31

б

1

licensing authority based on evidence of industry practices,

economic and physical feasibility, location, or intended uses; 2 provided, that the rules shall provide minimum standards 3 applicable to all construction. For example, and without 4 5 limiting the generality of the foregoing, the licensing 6 authority may determine that a small single-story ground level 7 mausoleum does not require the same level of construction 8 standards that a large multistory mausoleum might require; or 9 that a mausoleum located in a low-lying area subject to frequent flooding or hurricane threats might require different 10 standards than one located on high ground in an area not 11 12 subject to frequent severe weather threats. The licensing 13 authority shall develop the rules in cooperation with, and with technical assistance from, the Florida Building 14 Commission of the Department of Community Affairs, to ensure 15 that the rules are in the proper form and content to be 16 17 included as part of the State Minimum Building Codes under 18 part VII of chapter 553. If the Florida Building Commission advises that some of the standards proposed by the licensing 19 authority are not appropriate for inclusion in such building 20 21 codes, the licensing authority may choose to include those 22 standards in a distinct chapter of its rules entitled 23 "Non-Building-Code Standards for Mausoleums" or "Additional Standards for Mausoleums," or other terminology to that 2.4 effect. If the licensing authority elects to divide the 25 26 standards into two or more chapters, all such rules shall be 27 binding on licensees and others subject to the jurisdiction of 2.8 the licensing authority, but only the chapter containing 29 provisions appropriate for building codes shall be transmitted to the Florida Building Commission pursuant to subsection (3). 30 Such rules may be in the form of standards for design and 31

7

1 construction; methods, materials, and specifications for 2 construction; or other mechanisms. Such rules shall encompass, at a minimum, the following standards: 3 4 (c) Such structure must contain adequate provision for drainage and ventilation. For private or family mausoleums 5 б where all crypts are bordering an exterior wall, 7 pressure-relief ventilation must be provided from the crypt to 8 the outside of the mausoleum through the exterior wall. Section 6. Section 497.279, Florida Statutes, is 9 10 created to read: 497.279 Monuments; installation standards.--11 12 (1) All newly installed monuments and markers must 13 conform to the standards set forth in this section. (2) By January 1, 2008, the licensing authority shall 14 adopt rules establishing minimum standards for all newly 15 installed monuments and markers. When developing and adopting 16 17 the rules, the licensing authority may define different 18 classes of monuments and markers and may provide different rules to apply to each of the classes if the designation of 19 classes and the application of different rules is in the 2.0 21 public interest and is supported by findings by the licensing authority based on evidence of industry practices, economic 2.2 23 and physical feasibility, location, or intended uses; however, the rules shall provide minimum standards relating to 2.4 foundation and setting techniques. 25 (3) The licensing authority shall develop the rules in 26 27 cooperation with, and using technical assistance from, the 2.8 Florida Monument Builders Association to ensure that the rules are consistent with long-established installation practices. 29 30 31

1 (4) The rules shall exclude any reference to 2 engineering documentation, local building codes, or windstorm damage exceeding 130 miles an hour. 3 4 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 497.367, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 5 6 497.367 Instruction on HIV and AIDS, funeral directors 7 and embalmers. --8 (1) Each person licensed as a funeral director or embalmer under this chapter shall be required to complete an 9 approved continuing educational course on human 10 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome 11 12 as part of every third biennial relicensure at least every 2 13 years. The course shall consist of education on the modes of transmission, infection control procedures, clinical 14 management, and prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and 15 acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Such course shall include 16 17 information on current Florida law on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and its impact on testing, confidentiality 18 of test results, and treatment of patients. 19 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 20 21 497.374, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 22 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral 23 director by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.--2.4 25 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who 26 27 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not 2.8 to exceed \$200 and who: (b)1. Holds a valid license to practice funeral 29 30 directing in another state of the United States, provided that, when the applicant secured her or his original license, 31 9

1 the requirements for licensure were substantially equivalent 2 to or more stringent than those existing in this state; or 2. Meets the qualifications for licensure in s. 3 4 497.373 and has, within 10 years prior to the date of application, successfully completed a state, regional, or 5 6 national examination in mortuary science, which, as determined 7 by rule of the licensing authority, is substantially 8 equivalent to or more stringent than the examination given by 9 the licensing authority. Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 497.550, Florida 10 Statutes, is amended to read: 11 12 497.550 Licensure of monument establishments required; 13 procedures and criteria.--(1) LICENSE REQUIRED. -- A No person may not shall 14 conduct, maintain, manage, or operate a monument establishment 15 in this state unless the monument establishment is licensed 16 17 under pursuant to this part. 18 (a) The two categories of monument establishment licensure available in this state are: 19 1. Monument builder. 20 21 2. Monument <u>retailer</u> <del>dealer</del>. 22 (b) An applicant for licensure as a monument 23 establishment shall designate on the application form the category of monument establishment licensure for which he or 2.4 25 she is applying. (c) Each monument establishment that is licensed under 26 27 this chapter at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2005, is, on and 2.8 after October 1, 2005, licensed as a monument retailer dealer subject to the requirements of this chapter. A person who 29 becomes licensed as a monument retailer dealer by operation of 30 this paragraph may apply to the board for licensure as a 31

1 monument builder and, upon payment of applicable application 2 fees and the granting of such application and licensure as a monument builder, such person's licensure as a monument 3 4 retailer dealer will expire. 5 (d) The requirements of this chapter apply to both 6 monument retailers dealers and monument builders, except as 7 provided in this paragraph. Each monument establishment shall 8 be a physical structure that is located at a specific street 9 address, in compliance with zoning regulations of the appropriate local government, and not located on property that 10 is exempt from taxation, but a monument retailer is dealer may 11 12 not otherwise be required to comply with s. 497.552 or be 13 subject to inspection under this chapter. (e) A monument establishment that is not licensed 14 under the monument-builder category is not eligible for a 15 16 preneed sales license. 17 Section 10. Section 497.609, Florida Statutes, is 18 created to read: 497.609 Liability of direct disposers, direct disposal 19 establishments, funeral directors, funeral establishments, and 20 21 cinerator facilities regarding cremation .--22 (1) A person may not make a claim objecting to the 23 cremation of a deceased person against a direct disposer, direct disposal establishment, funeral director, funeral 2.4 establishment, or cinerator facility if the direct disposer, 25 direct disposal establishment, funeral director, funeral 26 establishment, or cinerator facility is given: 27 28 (a) A copy of a deceased's declaration of intent to be cremated which is signed by the deceased and notarized or 29 30 witnessed by two nonrelated individuals; 31

1	(b) A copy of the deceased's prearranged cremation
2	contract or cremation authorization form signed by the
3	deceased; or
4	<u>(c) A court order directing the cremation of the</u>
5	deceased.
б	(2) A person may not make a claim objecting to the
7	cremation of a deceased person against a direct disposer,
8	<u>direct disposal establishment, funeral director, funeral</u>
9	<u>establishment, or cinerator facility if a direct disposer,</u>
10	<u>direct disposal establishment, funeral director, funeral</u>
11	establishment, or cinerator facility performs a cremation
12	pursuant to permission given by a legally authorized person
13	who represents that he or she is not aware of any objection to
14	the cremation of the deceased by others in the same class of
15	persons making the representation or of any person in a higher
16	priority class.
17	Section 11. Section 553.36, Florida Statutes, is
18	amended to read:
19	553.36 DefinitionsThe definitions contained in this
20	section govern the construction of this part unless the
21	context otherwise requires.
22	(1) "Approved" means conforming to the requirements of
23	the Florida Building Code.
24	(2) "Approved inspection agency" means an organization
25	determined by the department to be especially qualified by
26	reason of facilities, personnel, experience, and demonstrated
27	reliability to investigate, test, and evaluate manufactured
28	building units or systems or the component parts thereof,
29	together with the plans, specifications, and quality control
30	procedures to ensure that such units, systems, or component
31	

1 parts are in full compliance with the Florida Building Code 2 and to label such units complying with those standards. 3 (3) "Closed construction" means that condition when 4 any building, component, assembly, subassembly, or system is manufactured in such a manner that all portions cannot be 5 6 readily inspected at the installation site without disassembly 7 or destruction thereof. 8 (4) "Open construction" means any building, building 9 component, assembly, or system manufactured in such a manner that all portions can be readily inspected at the building 10 site without disassembly thereof, damage thereto, or 11 12 destruction thereof. 13 (5) "Columbarium" means a permanent structure consisting of niches. 14 (6)(5) "Component" means any assembly, subassembly, or 15 combination of parts for use as a part of a building, which 16 17 may include structural, electrical, mechanical, and fire 18 protection systems and other systems affecting health and safety. Components that incorporate elements of a building 19 subject to the product approval system adopted under s. 20 21 553.842 are subject to approval in accordance with the product 22 approval system upon implementation thereof and are not 23 subject to the rules adopted under this part. Components to which the rules adopted under this part apply are limited to 2.4 three-dimensional systems for use as part of a building. 25 (7)(6) "Department" means the Department of Community 26 27 Affairs. 2.8 (8)(7) "Factory-built school shelter" means any site-assembled or factory-built school building that is 29 designed to be portable, relocatable, demountable, or 30 reconstructible and that complies with the provisions for 31 13

1 enhanced hurricane protection areas, as required by the 2 applicable code. (9)(8) "Insignia" means an approved device or seal 3 4 issued by the department to indicate compliance with the standards and rules established pursuant to this part. 5 б (10) "Install" means the assembly of a manufactured 7 building component or system on site and the process of 8 affixing a manufactured building component or system to land, a foundation, or an existing building, and service connections 9 which are a part thereof. 10 (11)(10) "Local government" means any municipality, 11 12 county, district, or combination thereof comprising a 13 governmental unit. (12)(11) "Manufacture" means the process of making, 14 fabricating, constructing, forming, or assembling a product 15 from raw, unfinished, semifinished, or finished materials. 16 17 (13)(12) "Manufactured building" means a closed 18 structure, building assembly, or system of subassemblies, which may include structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, 19 ventilating, or other service systems manufactured in 20 21 manufacturing facilities for installation or erection as a 22 finished building or as part of a finished building, which 23 shall include, but not be limited to, residential, commercial, institutional, storage, and industrial structures. The term 2.4 includes buildings not intended for human habitation such as 25 26 lawn storage buildings and storage sheds manufactured and 27 assembled offsite by a manufacturer certified in conformance 2.8 with this part. This part does not apply to mobile homes. (14)(13) "Mobile home" means any residential unit 29 constructed to standards promulgated by the United States 30 Department of Housing and Urban Development. 31

14

1	(15)(14) "Module" means a separately transported
2	three-dimensional component of a manufactured building which
3	contains all or a portion of structural systems, electrical
4	systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, fire systems,
5	and thermal systems.
6	<u>(16) "Private mausoleum" means a structure intended</u>
7	for the private use of a family or group of family members
8	which is prefabricated or preassembled.
9	(17)(15) "Site" is the location on which a
10	manufactured building is installed or is to be installed.
11	(18)(16) "System" means structural, plumbing,
12	mechanical, heating, electrical, or ventilating elements,
13	materials, or components combined for use in a building.
14	Section 12. Subsection (8) of section 553.73, Florida
15	Statutes, is amended to read:
16	553.73 Florida Building Code
17	(8) The following buildings, structures, and
18	facilities are exempt from the Florida Building Code as
19	provided by law, and any further exemptions shall be as
20	determined by the Legislature and provided by law:
21	(a) Buildings and structures specifically regulated
22	and preempted by the Federal Government.
23	(b) Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with
24	the railroad.
25	(c) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms.
26	(d) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for
27	construction purposes.
28	(e) Mobile or modular structures used as temporary
29	offices, except that the provisions of part II relating to
30	accessibility by persons with disabilities shall apply to such
31	mobile or modular structures.
	15

1 (f) Those structures or facilities of electric 2 utilities, as defined in s. 366.02, which are directly involved in the generation, transmission, or distribution of 3 4 electricity. 5 (q) Temporary sets, assemblies, or structures used in 6 commercial motion picture or television production, or any 7 sound-recording equipment used in such production, on or off 8 the premises. 9 (h) Storage sheds that are not designed for human habitation and that have a floor area of 720 square feet or 10 less are not required to comply with the mandatory 11 12 wind-borne-debris-impact standards of the Florida Building 13 Code. (i) Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of 14 Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used 15 in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided 16 17 wooden hut that has a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or 18 other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other nonwood features. 19 (j) Prefabricated or preassembled columbaria. 20 21 (k) Prefabricated or preassembled non-walk-in private 22 or family mausoleums. 23 With the exception of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (f), in 2.4 order to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the 25 26 public, the Florida Building Commission may, by rule adopted 27 pursuant to chapter 120, provide for exceptions to the broad 2.8 categories of buildings exempted in this section, including 29 exceptions for application of specific sections of the code or standards adopted therein. The Department of Agriculture and 30 Consumer Services shall have exclusive authority to adopt by 31

1	rule, pursuant to chapter 120, exceptions to nonresidential
2	farm buildings exempted in paragraph (c) when reasonably
3	necessary to preserve public health, safety, and welfare. The
4	exceptions must be based upon specific criteria, such as
5	under-roof floor area, aggregate electrical service capacity,
6	HVAC system capacity, or other building requirements. Further,
7	the commission may recommend to the Legislature additional
8	categories of buildings, structures, or facilities which
9	should be exempted from the Florida Building Code, to be
10	provided by law.
11	Section 13. Subsection (14) of section 316.515,
12	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
13	316.515 Maximum width, height, length
14	(14) MANUFACTURED BUILDINGSThe Department of
15	Transportation may, in its discretion and upon application and
16	good cause shown therefor that the same is not contrary to the
17	public interest, issue a special permit for truck
18	tractor-semitrailer combinations where the total number of
19	overwidth deliveries of manufactured buildings, as defined in
20	<u>s. 553.36(13)</u> s. 553.36(12), may be reduced by permitting the
21	use of an overlength trailer of no more than 54 feet.
22	Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	

**Florida Senate - 2007** 12-428D-07

SB 2856

1	*******
2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Provides that certain specified persons may not own,
4	manage, or operate a business entity regulated or licensed under ch. 497, F.S. Provides exceptions. Specifies the conditions that justify the issuance of a
5	limited practice license to retired professionals. Requires pressure-relief ventilation for certain private
6	or family mausoleums. Requires the licensing authority to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for newly
7	installed monuments and markers by a specified date. Authorizes the licensing authority to define different
8	classes of monuments and markers under certain circumstances. Requires that the rules provide minimum
9	standards relating to foundation and setting techniques of monuments and markers. Requires that each licensed
10	funeral director or embalmer complete an HIV and AIDS educational course within a specified time period.
11	Provides conditions for a funeral director to receive a license by endorsement. Provides for exemptions from
12	liability for direct disposers, direct disposal establishments, funeral directors, funeral
13	establishments, and cinerator facilities when cremating a body.
14	
15	
16	
17	
18 19	
20	
20 21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	