



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4717.10 Reciprocity; courtesy cards.

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(A) The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall issue an embalmer's or funeral director's license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant who holds a license in another state or who has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an embalmer or funeral director in a state that does not issue that license. Such licenses shall be renewed biennially as provided in section 4717.08 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The board of embalmers and funeral directors may issue courtesy card permits to nonresident funeral directors licensed in a state that borders this state. A courtesy card permit holder shall be authorized to undertake both the following acts in this state:

(a) Prepare and complete those sections of a death certificate and other permits needed for disposition of deceased human remains in this state and sign and file such death certificates and permits;

(b) Supervise and conduct funeral ceremonies, interments, and entombments in this state.

(2) Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a courtesy card permit issued under this division.

(C) The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall determine under what conditions a courtesy card permit shall be issued to funeral directors in bordering states after taking into account whether and under what conditions and fees such border states issue similar courtesy card permits to funeral directors licensed in this state. A courtesy card permit holder shall comply with all applicable laws and rules of this state while engaged in any acts of funeral directing in this state. The board may revoke or suspend a courtesy card permit or subject a courtesy card permit holder to discipline in accordance with the laws, rules, and procedures applicable to funeral directors under this chapter. Applicants for courtesy card permits shall apply on forms prescribed by the board, pay a biennial fee



set by the board for initial applications and renewals, and adhere to such other requirements imposed by the board on courtesy card permit holders.

(D) No courtesy card permit holder shall be authorized to undertake any of the following activities in this state:

- (1) Arranging funerals or disposition services with members of the public in this state;
- (2) Be employed by or under contract to a funeral home licensed in this state to perform funeral services in this state;
- (3) Advertise funeral or disposition services in this state;
- (4) Enter into or execute funeral or disposition contracts in this state;
- (5) Prepare or embalm deceased human remains in this state;
- (6) Arrange for or carry out the disinterment of human remains in this state.

(E) As used in this section, "courtesy card permit" means a special permit that may be issued to a nonresident funeral director licensed in a state that borders this state and who does not hold a funeral director's license under this chapter.