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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER
AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Furtado, Boylan, Bennett, and Cotter

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

(Dept. of Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 5-33.2-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-33.2 entitled "Funeral
2 Director/Embalmer and Funeral Service Establishments" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-33.2-13. Funeral establishment and branch officer — Crematories — Inspections**
4 **— Denial of access.**

5 (a) Any licensed funeral director/embalmer employed, authorized, and empowered by the
6 division of professional regulation may enter any funeral establishment, funeral-establishment
7 branch office, or crematory licensed under the provisions of this chapter, during the hours the
8 funeral establishment, funeral-establishment branch office, or crematory is open for business, for
9 the purpose of inspecting the sanitary conditions, complaint investigations, and ascertaining if the
10 provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations are being observed in the operation of the
11 funeral establishment, funeral-establishment branch office, or crematory. The inspector may
12 request permission from the department to be accompanied by another employee of the department
13 of health prior to an inspection. Failure or refusal of the person in charge of that funeral
14 establishment, funeral-establishment branch office, or crematory to permit the inspection at all
15 reasonable times shall be deemed sufficient cause for the revocation of any license issued to the
16 funeral establishment, funeral-establishment branch office, or crematory and any certificate of
17 approval issued by the division.

18 (b) Funeral establishments and branch offices and crematories licensed under the

1 provisions of this chapter shall be inspected at least ~~twice~~ once each year. Inspections shall include
2 all areas of sanitation and public health, complaint investigations, as well as conformity with
3 applicable section of this chapter and the rules and regulations.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would reduce funeral home inspections from twice a year to once a year.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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