

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-1703. Unlicensed persons; unlawful acts; student and apprentice embalmers; registration and supervision; definitions. (a) (1) It is unlawful for any person who is not licensed as an embalmer to advertise, practice, offer to practice, or hold oneself out as practicing the science of embalming, either by arterial or cavity treatment, or otherwise, in this state, or to embalm any dead human body for shipment or transportation by common or private carrier.

(2) It is unlawful for any common carrier to receive for transportation or to transport any dead human body unless the body has been prepared by a licensed embalmer, in accordance with this act and the rules and regulations of the board.

(3) No one except a licensed embalmer, an apprentice embalmer or a student embalmer under the provisions of this act and rules and regulations of the board shall be permitted to do any of the actual embalming of a dead human body, and no licensed embalmer shall permit anyone who is not a licensed embalmer, an apprentice embalmer or a student embalmer assigned to such embalmer, to perform in such embalmer's place of business, or elsewhere, or under such embalmer's supervision, any of the actual embalming of a dead human body, or perform any act necessary to embalm and preserve a dead human body.

(b) Student embalmers shall preregister or register with the board and be under the direct personal supervision of a licensed Kansas embalmer at all times during the embalming process. Apprentice embalmers shall be under the personal supervision of a licensed embalmer except under a split apprenticeship pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1701a, and amendments thereto, during which the apprentice embalmer shall be under the direct personal supervision of a licensed embalmer for the first six-month period.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Actual embalming" does not include dressing the hair, bathing, moving or dressing the body or cosmetic work.

(2) "Direct personal supervision" means that a licensed Kansas embalmer takes full responsibility for actions of the student embalmer and shall be physically present at all times.

(3) "Personal supervision" means that a licensed embalmer takes full responsibility for the actions of the apprentice embalmer but does not require any physical presence.

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