
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the better
3 protection of life and health of the citizens of this
4 Commonwealth by requiring and regulating the examination,
5 licensure and registration of persons and registration of
6 corporations engaging in the care, preparation and
7 disposition of the bodies of deceased persons, and providing
8 penalties; providing for a State Board of Funeral Directors
9 in the Department of State, and repealing other laws,"
10 providing for general price list.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898,
14 No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, is amended by adding
15 a section to read:

16 Section 8.1. General Price List.--(a) Duty to Provide.

17 (1) A funeral director shall provide to a person, upon
18 beginning discussion of prices or of the funeral goods and
19 services offered, a written or printed list for professional
20 services offered, including, but not limited to, preparation of
21 the body, use of facilities and use of automotive equipment. All
22 services included in a price shall be enumerated on the list.

1 The list shall include the price range of all caskets offered
2 for sale.

3 (2) The list shall include a statement indicating that the
4 survivor of the deceased who is handling the funeral
5 arrangements, or the responsible party, is entitled to receive,
6 prior to the drafting of a contract, a copy of a preneed
7 agreement that has been signed and paid for, in full or in part,
8 by or on behalf of the deceased and that is in possession of the
9 funeral establishment.

10 (3) When a request for specific information on a casket or
11 caskets is made in person by an individual, the funeral director
12 shall provide a written statement or list that, at a minimum,
13 specifically identifies a particular casket or caskets by price
14 and by thickness of metal, type of wood or other construction,
15 interior and color. Prices of caskets and other identifying
16 features such as thickness of metal, type of wood or other
17 construction, interior and color in addition to other casket
18 identification requirements shall be provided over the
19 telephone, if requested.

20 (b) (1) Each licensed funeral establishment that maintains
21 a publicly accessible Internet website shall post on the website
22 the list of funeral goods and services that are required to be
23 included in the establishment's general price list, pursuant to
24 Federal rule, and a statement that the general price list is
25 available upon request.

26 (2) Information posted under paragraph (1) shall be provided
27 by a link from the home page of the publicly accessible Internet
28 website.

29 (3) An establishment that posts, on the home page of the
30 publicly accessible Internet website, the words "price

1 information" or a similar phrase that includes the word "price"
2 with a link that leads to the establishment's general price
3 list, need not comply with paragraph (1) or (2).

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.