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**PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING
CHAPTER 497, FLORIDA STATUTES – AUGUST 2, 2018**

AGENDA

Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 166, Southwood State Campus
4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Chasity O’Steen, General Counsel
Elizabeth Boyd, Deputy CFO – Consumer and Public Affairs
Mary Schwantes, Division Director - Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION
Purpose of meeting: to obtain input from industry and public on matters impacting death care industry and/or chapter 497, Florida Statutes
- II. INPUT REGARDING ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION
 - a. Review of input received via written comments
- III. TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION – NEW TOPICS
 - a. Statutory clean-up issues
 - i. Reorganization of chapter to combine common requirements/statutory provisions currently located in the various sections on different licensees into one statute in the general section
 - ii. Clarification of section 497.002, Florida Statutes (purpose and intent provision) to add all licensee types to the list of those requiring regulation
 - iii. Clarification of definitions contained in section 497.005, Florida Statutes
 - iv. Elimination of all references to HIV course requirements
 - v. Add distinction between partnership and an LLC in section 497.141, Florida Statutes, which currently only distinguishes between a corporation and an LLC
 - vi. Relocate section 497.166, Florida Statutes, which is contained in the general provisions, to the section pertaining to preneed sales
 - vii. Other minor clean-up issues
- IV. TOPICS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION – FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PRIOR TOPICS
 - a. Direct Disposer license issues
 - i. Viewings (charge or no charge)
 - ii. Exam fee disparity
 - iii. Requirement for licensure

- b. Cremation issues
 - i. Alkaline hydrolysis
 - ii. Licensing cinerator operators
- c. Unlicensed activities
 - i. Authority to Investigate/Pursue
 - ii. Penalties
- d. Funeral Director in Charge
 - i. Location requirements
- e. Body donations
- f. Cemetery issues
 - i. Unlicensed cemeteries
 - ii. Handling of consumer complaints on unlicensed cemeteries

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Plan for future public workshop meetings

VI. NEXT PUBLIC WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 – TAMPA, FLORIDA