State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

The State's first organization of funeral directors was the self-regulatory Funeral Directors Association which existed from 1906-1908. The State Board of embalmers was created by the Statutes of 1909 to provide a system of examination, registration, and licensing of embalmers; to provide for the better protection of life and death; to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in the State; and to impose penalties for the violation of its provisions. These provisions were amended in 1959 and the Board's name was changed to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.