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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 239 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Stephanie Chang
Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 18 (Mortuary Science) of the Occupational Code to specify that Article 18 would not apply to a student working under the supervision of a holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science, if he or she were enrolled in a higher education program in mortuary science at a school, college, or university that was accredited as described under the bill.

Under the Code, the placing of a chemical on or in a dead human body by a person who is not the holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science is a violation of Article 18 of the Code.

Article 18 does not apply to a resident trainee working under the supervision of a holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science. The bill also would include in this provision a student who was enrolled in a higher education program in mortuary science at a school, college, or university that was accredited by an accrediting agency that was recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as a specialized accrediting agency in funeral service or mortuary science.

A person who is engaged or professes to be engaged in the practice of embalming, or who represents that he or she is an embalmer must be the holder of a license for the practice of mortuary science. The bill, instead, would prohibit an individual from engaging or professing to be engaged in the practice of embalming or from representing that he or she was an embalmer if he or she were not the holder of such a license.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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