

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3660

By: Dempsey and Alonso-Sandoval
of the House

3 and

4 Murdock of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, which relates
9 to definitions; modifying certain terms to include
10 natural organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
11 Section 396.3a, which relates to persons and
12 businesses required to be licensed; requiring
13 individuals engaged in cremating or natural organic
14 reduction to be licensed; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
15 Section 396.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 381,
16 O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 396.4),
17 which relates to fees; adding a fee for natural
18 organic reduction facility license or renewal;
19 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, which relates
20 to inspection of premises; allowing the Oklahoma
21 Funeral Board to inspect establishments that engage
22 in organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section
23 396.12c, which relates to revocation or suspension of
24 licenses; providing for revocation under certain
conditions for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S.
2021, Section 396.29, which relates to certain
cremation regulations; providing for the same
regulations for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S.
2021, Section 396.32, which relates to the residue
from cremated bodies; providing for regulations of
residue from organically reduced bodies; amending 59
O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as amended by Section 534,
Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section
396.33), which relates to cremation without license
and permit; making organic reduction without license
or permit subject to felony charges; regulating the
practice of natural organic reduction; requiring
licensure; requiring record keeping; subjecting
natural organic reduction facilities to inspection;
providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 396.2. As used in the Funeral Services Licensing Act:

5 1. "Embalmer" means a person who disinfects or preserves dead
6 human remains, entire or in part, by the use of chemical substances,
7 fluids or gases in the remains, or by the introduction of same into
8 the remains by vascular or hypodermic injection, or by direct
9 application into organs or cavities;

10 2. "Funeral director" means a person who:

11 a. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
12 being engaged in preparing for the burial or disposal
13 and directing and supervising the burial or disposal
14 of dead human remains,

15 b. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
16 being engaged in maintaining a funeral establishment
17 for the preparation and the disposition, or for the
18 care of dead human remains,

19 c. uses, in connection with the name of the person or
20 funeral establishment, the words "funeral director" or
21 "undertaker" or "mortician" or any other title
22 implying that the person is engaged as a funeral
23 director,

24 d. sells funeral service merchandise to the public, or

1 e. is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
2 a crematory or natural organic reduction facility;

3 3. "Funeral establishment" means a place of business used in
4 the care and preparation for burial, commercial embalming, or
5 transportation of dead human remains, or any place where any person
6 or persons shall hold forth and be engaged in the profession of
7 undertaking or funeral directing;

8 4. "Apprentice" means a person who is engaged in learning the
9 practice of embalming or the practice of funeral directing, as the
10 case may be, under the instruction and personal supervision of a
11 duly licensed embalmer or a duly licensed funeral director of and in
12 the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral
13 Services Licensing Act, and who is duly registered as such with said
14 Board;

15 5. "Board" means the Oklahoma Funeral Board;

16 6. "Directing a funeral" or "funeral directing" means directing
17 funeral services from the time of the first call until final
18 disposition or release to a common carrier or release to next of kin
19 of the deceased or the designee of the next of kin;

20 7. "First call" means the beginning of the relationship and
21 duty of the funeral director to take charge of dead human remains
22 and have such remains prepared by embalming, cremation, reduction,
23 or otherwise, for burial or disposition, provided all laws
24 pertaining to public health in this state are complied with. First

1 call does not include calls made by ambulance, when the person
2 dispatching the ambulance does not know whether or not dead human
3 remains are to be picked up;

4 8. "Personal supervision" means the physical presence of a
5 licensed funeral director or embalmer at the specified time and
6 place of the providing of acts of funeral service;

7 9. "Commercial embalming establishment" means a fixed place of
8 business consisting of an equipped preparation room, and other rooms
9 as necessary, for the specified purpose of performing preparation
10 and shipping services of dead human remains to funeral
11 establishments inside and outside this state;

12 10. "Funeral service merchandise or funeral services" means
13 those products and services normally provided by funeral
14 establishments and required to be listed on the General Price List
15 of the Federal Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a),
16 including, but not limited to, the sale of burial supplies and
17 equipment, but excluding the sale by a cemetery of lands or
18 interests therein, services incidental thereto, markers, memorials,
19 monuments, equipment, crypts, niches or outer enclosures;

20 11. "Outer enclosure" means a grave liner, grave box, or grave
21 vault;

22 12. "Funeral director in charge" means an individual licensed
23 as both a funeral director and embalmer designated by a funeral
24 service establishment, commercial embalming establishment, or

1 crematory who is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
2 the establishment and is accountable to the Board;

3 13. "Authorizing agent" means a person legally entitled to
4 order the cremation, reduction, or final disposition of particular
5 human remains pursuant to Section 1151 or 1158 of Title 21 of the
6 Oklahoma Statutes;

7 14. "Cremation" means the technical process, using heat and
8 flame, or heat and pressure, that reduces human remains to essential
9 elements, including bone fragments. The ~~reduction~~ process takes
10 place through heat and evaporation. Cremation shall include, but
11 not be limited to, the processing and pulverization of the bone
12 fragments, ~~or~~ through alkaline hydrolysis. Cremation shall not
13 include organic reduction;

14 15. "Crematory" means a structure containing a furnace or
15 alkaline hydrolysis vessel or natural organic reduction vessel used
16 or intended to be used for the cremation of human remains. The term
17 includes a facility that cremates human remains through alkaline
18 hydrolysis; ~~and~~

19 16. "Alkaline hydrolysis" means the ~~reduction~~ technical process
20 for reducing of human remains to bone fragments and essential
21 elements in a licensed crematory using heat, pressure, water and
22 base chemical agents;

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1 17. "Natural organic reduction" means the contained accelerated
2 reduction and conversion of human remains to soil in a licensed
3 crematory using heat, water, and organic material;

4 18. "Natural organic reduction facilities" means a structure
5 containing equipment used or intended to be used for natural organic
6 reduction;

7 19. "Reduction" means the method of final disposition of human
8 remains by natural organic reduction. The term shall not include
9 methods defined by cremation; and

10 20. "Natural organic reduction vessel" means a specialized
11 environmentally controlled vessel that reduces human remains into
12 soil. A natural organic reduction vessel must be composed of
13 stainless steel.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.3a, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 396.3a. The following persons, professions and
17 businesses shall be required to be licensed pursuant to the Funeral
18 Services Licensing Act:

19 1. Any person engaged or who may engage in:

- 20 a. the practice or profession of funeral directing,
21 cremating, natural organic reduction, or embalming,
22 b. maintaining the business of a funeral establishment or
23 commercial embalming establishment,
24 c. the sale of any funeral service merchandise, or

1 d. providing funeral services; and

2 2. Any funeral establishment or commercial embalming
3 establishment.

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.4, as
5 amended by Section 3, Chapter 381, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,
6 Section 396.4), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 396.4. A. 1. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall set
8 fees pursuant to rule for all licenses, registrations, examinations,
9 and renewals required by the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

10 2. Until the Oklahoma Funeral Board sets fees pursuant to rule,
11 the following shall be the fees charged for the licenses,
12 registrations, and examinations required by the Funeral Services
13 Licensing Act:

14	Funeral Director License or Renewal	\$75.00
15	Assistant Funeral Director License or Renewal	\$150.00
16	Embalmer License or Renewal	\$75.00
17	Registration for Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00
18	Extension of Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00
19	Embalmer Examination	\$100.00
20	Funeral Director Examination	\$100.00
21	State Law Examination	\$100.00
22	Funeral Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
23	Commercial Embalming Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
24	Reciprocal License for Funeral Director or Embalmer	\$150.00

1	Change of Funeral Director in Charge	\$150.00
2	Crematory License or Renewal	\$250.00
3	<u>Natural Organic Reduction Facility License or Renewal</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>

4 B. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall assess Three Dollars
5 (\$3.00) for each disposition performed by the licensed funeral
6 establishment or commercial embalming establishment. The
7 disposition fee shall be payable upon renewal of the license as
8 provided in subsection E of this section and shall be calculated
9 from November 1 of the preceding calendar year to October 31 of the
10 current calendar year for each licensee. For purposes of this
11 subsection, "disposition" means each time the licensed establishment
12 files an original death certificate pursuant to Section 1-317 of
13 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 C. Fees for funeral director, embalmer, and state law
15 examinations shall be paid prior to the scheduled examination. An
16 examination fee shall not be refundable.

17 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board is authorized to determine and
18 fix special administrative service fees. Each such fee shall not be
19 in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

20 E. If any renewal fee required by this section is not paid on
21 or before December 31 of each year, the amount of the fee shall be
22 doubled and if the fee is not paid on or before April 30 of the
23 subsequent year, the licensee shall be in default and the license
24 shall terminate automatically.

1 F. All examinations of the Oklahoma Funeral Board shall be
2 exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act in order to maintain the
3 integrity of the examination process. Copies of completed
4 examinations shall only be released upon receipt of a court order
5 from a court of competent jurisdiction.

6 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 396.12. A. Any place where a person shall hold forth
9 by word or act that the person is engaged in the profession of
10 undertaking or funeral directing shall be deemed as a funeral
11 establishment and shall be licensed as such pursuant to the
12 provisions of the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

13 B. A funeral establishment shall not do business in a location
14 that is not licensed as a funeral establishment, shall not advertise
15 a service that is available from an unlicensed location, and shall
16 advertise itself by the name that the establishment is licensed as
17 pursuant to the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

18 C. Every funeral establishment, commercial embalming
19 establishment, and crematory shall be operated by a funeral director
20 in charge. Each establishment license shall be conspicuously
21 displayed at the location.

22 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall have the power to inspect
23 the premises in which funeral directing is conducted or where
24 embalming ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction is practiced or where an

1 applicant proposed to practice, and the Board is hereby empowered to
2 prescribe and endorse rules for reasonable sanitation of such
3 establishments, including necessary drainage, ventilation, and
4 necessary and suitable instruments for the business or profession of
5 embalming and funeral directing.

6 E. Any place where a person shall hold forth by word or act
7 that such person is engaged in preparing and shipping of dead human
8 remains to funeral establishments inside and outside this state
9 shall be deemed a commercial embalming establishment and shall be
10 licensed as such pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral Services
11 Licensing Act.

12 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12c, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 396.12c. A. After notice and hearing pursuant to
15 Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Oklahoma
16 Funeral Board may refuse to issue or renew, or may revoke or
17 suspend, any license or registration for any one or combination of
18 the following:

19 1. Conviction of a felony crime that substantially relates to
20 the occupation of a funeral director and poses a reasonable threat
21 to public safety;

22 2. Conviction of a misdemeanor involving funeral services;

23 3. Gross malpractice or gross incompetency, which shall be
24 determined by the Board;

- 1 4. False or misleading advertising as a funeral director or
2 embalmer;
- 3 5. Violation of any of the provisions of the Funeral Services
4 Licensing Act or any violation of Sections 201 through 231 of Title
5 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 6 6. Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license;
- 7 7. Using any casket or part thereof which has previously been
8 used as a receptacle for, or in connection with, the burial or other
9 disposition of dead human remains, unless the disclosure is made to
10 the purchaser;
- 11 8. Violation of any rules of the Board in administering the
12 purposes of the Funeral Services Licensing Act;
- 13 9. Use of intoxicating liquor sufficient to produce drunkenness
14 in public, or habitual addiction to the use of habit-forming drugs
15 or either;
- 16 10. Solicitation of business, either personally or by an agent,
17 from a dying individual or the relatives of a dead or individual
18 with a terminal condition, as defined by the Oklahoma Advance
19 Directive Act, other than through general advertising;
- 20 11. Refusing to properly release a dead human body to the
21 custody of the person entitled to custody;
- 22 12. Violating applicable state laws relating to the failure to
23 file a death certificate, cremation or reduction permit, or
24 prearrangement or prefinancing of a funeral;

1 13. Failing to obtain other necessary permits as required by
2 law in a timely manner;

3 14. Failing to comply with the Funeral Rules of the Federal
4 Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a);

5 15. Failing to comply with any applicable provisions of the
6 Funeral Services Licensing Act at the time of issuance or renewal;

7 16. Improper issuance or renewal of a license or registration;

8 17. Violating the provisions of subsection B of Section 396.12
9 of this title regarding advertisement of services at locations not
10 licensed by the Board;

11 18. The abuse of a corpse whereby a person knowingly and
12 willfully signs a certificate as having embalmed, cremated, or
13 prepared a dead human body for disposition when, in fact, the
14 services were not performed as indicated;

15 19. Simultaneous cremating or reducing of more than one human
16 dead body without express written approval of the authorizing agent;

17 20. Cremating or reducing human remains without the permit
18 required by Section 1-329.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

19 21. Intentional interference with an investigation by the Board
20 or failure to allow access to funeral records during an
21 investigation or to produce records for an investigation; or

22 22. Failure to properly discharge financial obligations as
23 established by rule of the Board.

24 B. As used in this section:

1 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
2 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
3 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
4 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

5 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
6 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
7 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
8 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

9 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.29, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 396.29. A. The person charged by law with the duty of
12 burying the body of a deceased person may discharge such duty by
13 causing the body to be cremated or reduced as authorized and
14 provided for in the following sections of this ~~article~~ title, but
15 the body of a deceased person shall not be disposed of by cremation,
16 reduction, or other similar means, within the State of Oklahoma,
17 except in a crematory or natural organic reduction facility duly
18 licensed as provided for herein, and then only under a special
19 permit for cremation or reduction issued in accordance with the
20 provisions hereof.

21 B. Upon the completion of each cremation or reduction, and
22 insofar as is practicable, all of the recoverable residue of the
23 cremation or reduction process shall be removed from the crematory
24 or natural organic reduction vessel and placed in a separate

1 container so that the residue may not be commingled with the
2 cremated or reduced remains of other persons. Cremated or reduced
3 remains of a dead human shall not be divided or separated without
4 the prior written consent of the authorizing agent.

5 C. A funeral director or funeral establishment that has
6 received express written authorization for final disposition ~~or,~~
7 cremation, or reduction from the authorizing agent shall not be
8 liable if the final disposition ~~or,~~ cremation, or reduction is
9 performed in accordance with the provisions of the Funeral Services
10 Licensing Act. The funeral director or funeral establishment shall
11 not be liable for following in a reasonable fashion the instructions
12 of any persons who falsely represent themselves as the proper
13 authorizing agents.

14 D. Absent the receipt of a court order or other suitable
15 confirmation of resolution, a funeral director or funeral
16 establishment shall not be liable for refusing to accept human
17 remains for final disposition ~~or,~~ cremation, or reduction if the
18 funeral director or other agent of the funeral establishment:

19 1. Is aware of any dispute concerning the final disposition ~~or,~~
20 cremation, or reduction of the human remains; or

21 2. Has a reasonable basis for questioning any of the
22 representations made by the authorizing agent.

23 E. Each funeral establishment which offers or performs
24 cremations or reductions shall maintain an identification system

1 that ensures the ability of the funeral establishment to identify
2 the human remains in its possession throughout all phases of the
3 cremation or reduction process. Upon completion of the cremation or
4 reduction process, the crematory operator or reduction facility
5 operator shall attest to the identity of the cremated or reduced
6 remains and the date, time, and place the cremation or reduction
7 process occurred on a form prescribed by rule of the Oklahoma
8 Funeral Board. The form shall accompany the human remains in all
9 phases of transportation, cremation or reduction, and return of the
10 cremated or reduced remains.

11 F. The authorizing agent is responsible for the disposition of
12 the cremated or reduced remains. If, after sixty (60) calendar days
13 from the date of cremation or reduction, the authorizing agent or
14 the representative of the agent has not specified the ultimate
15 disposition or claimed the cremated or reduced remains, the funeral
16 establishment in possession of the cremated or reduced remains may
17 dispose of the cremated or reduced remains in a dignified and humane
18 manner in accordance with any state, county, or municipal laws or
19 provisions regarding the disposition of cremated or reduced remains,
20 except as provided in subsection G of this section. A record of
21 this disposition shall be made and kept by the entity making the
22 disposition. Upon the disposition of unclaimed cremated or reduced
23 remains in accordance with this subsection, the funeral
24 establishment and entity which disposed the cremated or reduced

1 remains shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability
2 concerning the disposition of the cremated or reduced remains.

3 G. If the authorizing agent determines that the unclaimed
4 cremated or reduced remains are those of a military veteran, the
5 funeral establishment may transfer the remains to a charitable
6 organization approved by the Military Department of the State of
7 Oklahoma for the purpose of providing a dignified and honorable
8 funeral for the veteran at a veterans cemetery. The charitable
9 organization shall be listed as an exempt organization under Section
10 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c).
11 Upon the transfer of the veteran's remains to the charitable
12 organization, the funeral establishment shall be discharged from any
13 legal obligation or liability concerning the disposition of the
14 cremated or reduced remains.

15 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.32, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 396.32. The residue resulting from the cremation or
18 reduction of the body of a deceased person may be transported in
19 this state in any manner, without any permit therefor, and may be
20 disposed of in any manner desired or directed by the person or
21 persons charged by law with the duty of burying the body.

22 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as
23 amended by Section 534, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp.
24 2025, Section 396.33), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 396.33. Disposing of the body of a deceased person by
2 cremation, reduction, or other similar means, within the State of
3 Oklahoma, except in a crematory or natural organic reduction
4 facility duly licensed as provided for in Section ~~25~~ 396.30 of this
5 ~~act~~ title and under a special permit for cremation or reduction
6 issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-329.1 of Title
7 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is hereby declared to be a felony.

8 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 396.34 of Title 59, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. No person shall dispose of the body of any deceased person
12 by natural organic reduction or other similar means, within this
13 state, without first having obtained from the Oklahoma Funeral Board
14 an annual license to operate a natural organic reduction facility.

15 B. Application for an annual license shall be made to the
16 Executive Director of the Board upon forms prescribed and furnished
17 by the Executive Director, shall give the location of the natural
18 organic reduction facility, and any other information as the
19 Executive Director shall require, and shall be accompanied by the
20 natural organic reduction facility license fee pursuant to Section
21 396.4 of this title. A natural organic reduction facility shall not
22 be licensed separately from a funeral or commercial embalming
23 establishment but shall be licensed in conjunction with and operated
24 by a funeral service or commercial embalming establishment. Annual

1 licenses shall expire on December 31 each year, shall specify the
2 name or names of the owners of the crematory and the location
3 thereof, the funeral director in charge, and shall not be
4 transferable either as to the ownership of the natural organic
5 reduction facility, the funeral director in charge or as to the
6 location thereof. The first annual license issued for any natural
7 organic reduction facility at any location shall not be issued by
8 the Executive Director until the Executive Director has been
9 satisfied.

10 C. All funeral establishments performing natural organic
11 reduction facility shall have a licensed funeral director in charge.

12 D. Each funeral establishment performing reduction services
13 shall keep records as required by the Board to assure compliance
14 with all laws relating to the disposition of dead human remains and
15 shall file annually with the Board a report in the form prescribed
16 by the Board describing the operations of the licensee, including
17 the number of reductions performed, the disposition thereof, and any
18 other information that the Board may require by rule.

19 E. A funeral establishment performing reduction services shall
20 be subject to all local, state, and federal health and environmental
21 requirements and shall obtain all necessary licenses and permits
22 from the Oklahoma Funeral Board, and the appropriate federal and
23 state health and environmental authorities.

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1 F. All natural organic reduction facilities shall be subject to
2 inspection, at all reasonable times, by the Board or its duly
3 authorized agents or employees.

4 G. License Required. A dead human body may only undergo
5 natural organic reduction in the State of Oklahoma at a natural
6 organic reduction facility licensed by the Oklahoma Funeral Board.

7 H. General Requirements. Any building to be used as a natural
8 organic reduction facility must comply with all applicable local and
9 state building codes, zoning laws, and ordinances and environmental
10 standards. A natural organic reduction facility must have on site:

11 1. A natural organic reduction system capable of reducing human
12 remains through natural organic reduction, which includes:

13 a. an identification system that maintains a secure chain
14 of custody and prevents commingling throughout the
15 process,

16 b. a vessel that can reach a minimum one hundred thirty-
17 one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit temperature for seventy-
18 two (72) consecutive hours to destroy pathogens,

19 c. a vessel monitoring system to ensure those temperature
20 thresholds are met;

21 2. A motorized mechanical device for processing the remains in
22 reduction; and

23 3. A refrigerated holding facility for the retention of dead
24 human bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.

1 The holding facility must be secure from access by anyone except
2 the authorized personnel of the natural organic reduction facility,
3 preserve the dignity of the remains, and protect the health and
4 safety of the natural organic reduction facility personnel. The
5 room where human remains are prepared for natural organic reduction
6 must be private and must not have a general passageway through it.
7 All windows or other openings to the outside must be treated in a
8 manner that prevents viewing into the room where the deceased will
9 be prepared for natural organic reduction. A window for authorized
10 family members or their designees is not a violation of this
11 section.

12 The room must, at all times, be secure from the entrance of
13 unauthorized persons. Authorized persons are:

- 14 a. licensed funeral directors or natural organic
15 reduction facility operators,
- 16 b. registered apprentices,
- 17 c. public officials or representatives in the discharge
18 of their official duties,
- 19 d. the person or persons with the right to control the
20 disposition of the deceased,
- 21 e. other individuals authorized by the authorizing agent
22 or if accompanied by an authorized person.

23 I. Any room where the body is prepared for natural organic
24 reduction must be properly lit and ventilated with an exhaust fan.

1 It must be equipped with a functional sink with running hot and cold
2 water. It must have nonporous flooring, such that a sanitary
3 condition is provided. The walls and ceiling must be covered with
4 tile, or by plaster or sheetrock painted with washable paint or
5 other appropriate material, such that a sanitary condition is
6 provided. The doors, walls, ceiling, and windows must be
7 constructed to prevent odors from entering other parts of the
8 building.

9 J. All licensed natural organic reduction facilities shall
10 develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby
11 dead human bodies can be identified from the time the natural
12 organic reduction facility accepts delivery of the body until the
13 reduced remains are released to an authorized party. After
14 reduction, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall
15 be placed within the reduced remains container or containers before
16 the remains are released from the natural organic reduction
17 facility. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have a
18 number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the
19 decedent. This procedure shall be designed to reasonably ensure
20 that the proper body is reduced and that the remains are returned to
21 the appropriate party.

22 K. The natural organic reduction facility must:

23 1. Ensure that the material in the natural organic reduction
24 vessel naturally reaches and maintains a minimum of one hundred

1 thirty-one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit for a minimum of seventy-two
2 (72) consecutive hours during the process of reduction;

3 2. Ensure reduced remains have less than one-hundredth (.01)
4 milligram/kilogram dry weight of any physical contaminants;

5 3. Collect material samples for analysis that are
6 representative of each instance of reduction, using a sample method
7 such as those described in the U.S. Composting Council 2002 Test
8 Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost, method 02.01-
9 A through E;

10 4. Develop and use a reduction process in which the reduced
11 remains from the process do not exceed the following limits:

12 a. metal and other testing parameters limit (mg/kg dry
13 weight), unless specified,

14 b. fecal coliform less than one thousand (1,000) most
15 probable number per gram of total solids (dry weight),
16 or

17 c. salmonella less than three (3) most probable number
18 per four (4) grams of total solids (dry weight),

19 d. cadmium less than or equal to seven and one-tenths
20 (7.1) parts per million (ppm),

21 e. lead less than or equal to one hundred fifty (150)
22 ppm,

23 f. mercury less than or equal to five (5) ppm,

24 g. arsenic less than or equal to eleven (11) ppm,

1 h. selenium less than or equal to eighteen (18) ppm;

2 5. Analyze, using a third-party laboratory, the reduction
3 facility's material samples of reduced remains according to the
4 following schedule:

5 a. the reduction facility must analyze each of the first
6 twenty instances of reduced remains for the parameters
7 in section 4; if any of the first twenty instances of
8 reduced remains yield results exceeding the limits
9 outlined above, the reduction facility must analyze
10 each additional reduced remains until a total of
11 twenty samples, not including those from the reduced
12 remains that were reprocessed as required by the above
13 parameters, have yielded results within the limits
14 above on initial testing,

15 b. after twenty material samples of reduced remains have
16 met the limits in the above parameters, the natural
17 reduction facility must analyze at least twenty-five
18 percent (25%) of the reduction facility's monthly
19 reduced remains are found to meet the limits, not
20 including any samples that required reprocessing to
21 meet those limits, and after eighty material samples
22 of the reduced remains are found to meet the limits in
23 the above parameters the reduction facility must
24 analyze one randomly chose instance of reduced remains

1 each month from the parameters above. If fecal
2 coliform or salmonella in the tested reduced remains
3 exceeds the limit for that substance the reduction
4 facility must analyze subsequent instance of reduced
5 remains for fecal coliform and salmonella until ten
6 total material samples are found to meet the limits in
7 the above parameters on initial testing, demonstrating
8 the reduction process was effectively corrected;

9 6. Comply with any testing requirements established by the
10 Oklahoma Funeral Board for content parameters in addition to those
11 specified;

12 7. Not release any reduced remains that exceed the parameters;
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14 8. Prepare, maintain, and provide to the Oklahoma Funeral
15 Board, upon request, a report for each calendar year detailing the
16 reduction facility's activities during the previous calendar year.
17 The report must include the following information:

- 18 a. the name and address of the reduction facility,
- 19 b. the calendar year covered by the report,
- 20 c. the body intake log of reduced remains,
- 21 d. the results of any laboratory analyses of reduced
22 remains, and
- 23 e. any additional information required by the Oklahoma
24 Funeral Board.

1 L. The reduction facility shall provide for the removal and
2 disposition of any accumulated residue from any reduction vessel,
3 mechanical processor, or other equipment used in the reduction.

4 M. Every reduction facility shall create and maintain on its
5 premises or other business location in Oklahoma an accurate record
6 of every reduction provided. The record shall include all of the
7 following information for each reduction:

8 1. The name of the person or funeral establishment delivering
9 the remains for reduction;

10 2. The name of deceased and the identification number assigned
11 to the remains;

12 3. The date of delivery;

13 4. The names of the operator of reduction process and
14 mechanical processor operator;

15 5. The times and date that the remains were removed from the
16 reduction vessel;

17 6. The time, date, and manner of release of the reduced
18 remains;

19 7. The name and address of the person who signed the
20 authorization for reduction; and

21 8. All supporting documentation, including any transit or
22 medical examiner's permit, the authorization for the reduction.

23 All records shall be maintained for a period of five (5)
24 calendar years after the release of the reduced remains. At the end

1 of this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of
2 records, the reduction facility may destroy the records by any
3 manner that protects the privacy of the individuals identified.

4 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

5 Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of March, 2026.

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Presiding Officer of the House
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10 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2026.

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