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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code (225 ILCS 41), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2023. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code (225 ILCS 41) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Update the language to comport with recently updated acts.
- Remove outdated language (i.e. sections allowing for grandfathering if applied for licensure prior to the effective date of the act, roster language, etc.) to minimize confusion.

The absence of regulation of the funeral directors and embalmers industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. It also would jeopardize the ethical standards that help to preserve the best interests of consumers and as well as the proper disposition of a deceased human body.

In 1982, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) mandated Funeral Industry Practices, which is referred to as the "Funeral Rule," to protect consumer interests and provide guidelines that outline the rights afforded to consumers. Without the "Funeral Rule" and state regulations, consumers are at risk of being defrauded and overcharged for funeral services.

Furthermore, deceased human beings are at risk of inadequate preparation and care during the disposition process. Public health is a serious factor to consider in support of regulating a profession. The other two factors, public safety and public welfare, would also be jeopardized in the absence of regulation.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,  
JB Pritzker  
Governor