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Co-Chair Bierman, Co-Chair Backer, and Members of the House Health Committee,

On behalf of 650+ funeral directors and 250+ funeral establishments, the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) strongly supports House File 84, which modifies the requirements for reciprocal licensure to practice mortuary science.

Minnesota funeral homes are experiencing significant challenges in recruiting morticians to serve their communities. A key factor contributing to this challenge is our reciprocal licensing process. Because Minnesota is one of only four states requiring a bachelor's degree in mortuary science, qualified and experienced funeral directors licensed in other states face a substantial barrier to practicing here.

House File 84 creates an alternative pathway for experienced out-of-state morticians to obtain a reciprocal license in Minnesota. Under this pathway, applicants who do not hold a bachelor's degree may qualify by demonstrating at least three years of practice, documented case experience, completion of required examinations and continuing education, and confirmation that they are not subject to any pending investigations or practicing under a restricted license in another state.

This proposal does not lower the bar for licensure. Rather, it provides an additional route that values demonstrated competency and professional experience, while preserving the consumer protections that Minnesotans expect.

MFDA thanks the bill's author, Representative Huot, and co-authors: Representatives Schomacker, Backer, and Anderson, for their leadership on this important issue. We urge you to support House File 84 and thank you for considering the perspectives of Minnesota funeral directors.

Thank you,

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