

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE BOARD OF FUNERAL
DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS**

**CHAPTER 0660-5
BURIAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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0660-5-.01 DEFINITION OF BURIAL ASSOCIATION. For the purpose of this Chapter, a “burial association” shall be defined as a voluntary association, charitable and benevolent in nature, which provides death benefits to members by means of an assessment of all of the members.

Authority: T.C.A., §62-504. *Administrative History:* Original Rule was filed June 24, 1974; effective July 24, 1974. Amended: filed March 23, 1977; effective April 22, 1977. Repealed and new Rule filed June 13, 1980; effective September 29, 1980.

0660-5-.02 BUSINESS ETHICS. If any person or entity subject to the supervision of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers directly or indirectly engages in the establishment, management, operation, or control of a burial association (a) for personal profit or benefit, or (b) in any manner which is contrary to applicable state statutes or rules, such person or entity shall be deemed by the Board to be guilty of unprofessional conduct; provided, however, that necessary and incidental expenses of operating the burial association may be included in the death benefit assessment without being considered profit to the association.

Authority: T.C.A., §62-504. *Administrative History:* Original Rule filed June 13, 1980; effective September 29, 1980.

0660-5-.03 CAUSE OF AN INVESTIGATION. If any person or entity subject to the supervision of the Board issues certificates for membership in a burial association directly or indirectly in violation of applicable state statutes or rules, it will be presumed that the association is being operated for personal profit of the person or entity; and the Board will cause an investigation to be made to determine whether there is subterfuge resulting in unprofessional conduct of such gravity as to warrant revocation or suspension of the license.

Authority: T.C.A., §62-504. *Administrative History:* Original Rule filed June 13, 1980; effective September 29, 1980.