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BY THE GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 70.—Embalmers and Disinfectors, regulation for organizing and regulating the professions of, in the Island of Porto Rico; amendment to Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 52, governing; promulgated.

The following regulations having been approved by the Insular Board of Health on May 19, 1921, and by the Executive Council on October 4, 1921, in accordance with the provisions of Act 81, approved March 14, 1912, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

REGULATIONS TO AMEND SECTIONS 3 AND 7 OF SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 52, "REGULATIONS FOR ORGANIZING AND REGULATING THE PROFESSIONS OF EMBALMERS AND DISINFECTORS IN THE ISLAND OF PORTO RICO."

Section 1.—Sections 3 and 7 of Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 52, "Regulation for organizing and regulating the professions of embalmers and disinfectors in the Island of Porto Rico," are hereby amended as follows:

"Section 3.—The Commissioner of Health is hereby au-

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thorized to appoint an Examining Board for Embalmers and Disinfectors, to be composed of the Chief of the Bureau of Transmissible Diseases and two physicians belonging to the health service. The members of said Board shall be appointed annually by the Commissioner, and shall receive no remuneration for this service. It shall be the duty of said Board to examine all applicants for embalmers' and disinfectors' licenses and to report the result of said examinations to the Commissioner of Health who shall issue the proper certificate to such persons as may pass such examinations before the Board, and it shall be the duty of the Department of Health to keep a register of all applicants examined, of the averages obtained by them, and of the licenses issued. Said Board shall prepare regulations and a program determining the degree of education to be required of applicants, the subjects of the examination, the duration thereof, and the place, date and hour at which they are to be held each year."

"Section 7.—Before embalming a corpse a certificate issued by a practicing physician expressing the diagnosis of the disease causing death, and that such death was natural, shall be an indispensable requisite; it being understood, for the purposes of this regulation, that a natural death is death caused by some disease or accident not the cause of judicial intervention; *Provided*, That in the latter case the judicial officer in charge of the investigation may duly authorize the embalming."

Section 2.—This regulation shall take effect upon its approval by the Executive Council and promulgation and publication in accordance with Section 13 of "An Act to reorganize the Sanitation Service," approved March 14, 1912.

Being so promulgated, and having been published in two newspapers of general circulation in the Island, in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of Act 81, approved March 14, 1912, the said regulations, entitled: "Regulations to amend Sections 3 and 7 of Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 52, 'Regulations for organizing and regulating the professions of embalmers and disinfectors in the Island of Porto Rico,'" on and after this date have the force and effect of law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

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and caused the seal of the People of Porto Rico to be affixed at the city of San Juan, this thirteenth day of October, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

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E. MONT. REILY,
Governor.

Promulgated according to law, October 13, 1921.

R. SIACA PACHECO,
Executive Secretary.