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**Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing and Disciplinary Board's**  
**Statement Regarding Illegal Curbstone Funeral Directing**

The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing and Disciplinary Board ("Board") created pursuant to the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code, 225 ILCS 41-15-5, seeks to provide assistance to funeral services consumers within the State of Illinois with the following statement:

House Resolution 234 ("HR 234") regarding illegal curbstone funeral directing was adopted by the Illinois House of Representatives on May 6, 2015. HR 234 states, in part:

A Funeral Director [and a Funeral Director & Embalmer] in the State of Illinois must obtain a license from the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; no person may practice funeral directing without a license, or without having a fixed place of practice or being employed by or under contract with an establishment devoted to that practice . . . Any action of a person falsely claiming to be a licensed Funeral Director or working out of a temporary establishment is in violation of State law . . . The illegal practice of curbstone funeral directing is a major concern because it takes advantage of people during a difficult and emotional time . . .

The Board encourages licensees and the public to file complaints with the Department regarding all instances of curbstone funeral directing. Complaints can be directed to the following:

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation  
Complaint Intake Unit  
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 9-300, Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-814-6910  
[www.idfpr.illinois.gov/Admin/Complaints.asp](http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/Admin/Complaints.asp)

Thank you and please contact the Department with all inquiries.