

# Updates from the North Dakota State Board of Funeral Service

The North Dakota State Board of Funeral Service is adopting a new method for the renewal of all licenses for 2021. The renewal process will be done on-line with a company called CERTEMY. Each licensee will receive email communication from CERTEMY as to how to renew each license. The payment will continue to be mailed to the NDSBFS at Post Office Box 161 - Rugby, North Dakota. Upon certification that the application is complete and payment made, the license holder will receive authorization from CERTEMY that the license can be printed from the license holder's computer. Just like most things new, there might be some bumps in the process. Remember we were all puzzled with on-line death certificates.....now it is so easy. The office will be working diligently to make sure we have all license holder's email addresses.

The Board also asks that license holders pay closer attention to time periods from death to final disposition.

23-06-04. Time within which final disposition must be made - Exceptions. 1. The dead body of a human being must be disposed of by the person charged with that duty within eight days after the death of such person except when any of the following occur: a. The right to dissect the body is expressly conferred by law. b. The body is being carried through this state. c. The body is being removed from this state for the purpose of final disposition in some other state. d. A permit is obtained from the local health officer or the state department of health allowing a longer time during which the body need not be disposed. The permit shall state the additional length of time during which the body need not be disposed. e. The body is being stored for an extended period of time in a vault determined suitable by the state department of health, but the body may not be stored in a vault for a period of more than eight days during the months of June through October unless a permit is obtained from the local health officer or the state department of health. 2. The date of final disposition must be the date of the committal service or date of placement in a storage vault or school of medicine. 23-06-05. Failure to dispose within required time - Penalty. Any person that fails to comply with or who violates any of the provisions of section 23-06-04, or that refuses or neglects promptly to obey any order or instruction of the local board of health, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor