

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CORPORATIONS, SECURITIES, AND COMMERCIAL LICENSING BUREAU

DECEASED REMOVAL AND REFRIGERATION

(By authority conferred on the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 205, 1853, 1855, and 1871 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.205, 339.1853, 339.1855, 339.1871, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-2, 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL 445.2001, 445.2011, 445.2025, and 445.2030)

PART 1. VEHICLE AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

R 456.1 Display of authorized vehicle decal.

Rule 1. (1) A registered removal service shall place the department-provided decal of the authorized vehicle on the passenger-side interior of the windshield in the lower-right corner.

(2) If a decal becomes damaged or unusable, a registrant shall notify the department immediately to receive a replacement.

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R 456.2 Notice of change in location of refrigeration facility; new application required.

Rule 2. (1) A licensed refrigeration facility shall immediately notify the department in writing of an intent to change the location of the facility.

(2) A licensed refrigeration facility shall submit to the department an application and all fees for a new refrigeration facility location.

(3) The department shall conduct an inspection of the new refrigeration facility when reviewing the application.

(4) If an application for a new refrigeration facility location is approved, the license of the old location shall be closed.

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PART 2. CHAIN OF CUSTODY

R 456.3 System of identification of a dead human body.

Rule 3. (1) Before transporting a dead human body that is accepted by a registrant, the dead human body must be affixed with a band or tag with the name and any other identifying information available of the deceased, including, but not limited to, date of birth, date of death, and name of authorized person requesting service.

(2) A dead human body that a licensee accepts for refrigeration must be affixed with a band or tag with the name and any other identifying information available of the deceased including, but not limited to, date of birth, date of death, and name of authorized person requesting service.

(3) A registered removal service or a licensed refrigeration facility shall create a chain-of-custody log detailing all of the following:

(a) The initial request for service, including the date, time, name of individual and authorized person requesting service, and the names of the employees who agreed to provide the service.

(b) The date, time, and location when a dead human body was received into the care of a licensee or registrant, and the names of employees who received it.

(c) General descriptions of all items that accompanied a dead human body while in the care of the licensee or registrant, including, but not limited to, any jewelry or clothing.

(d) The date, time, location, and names of employees when a dead human body left the care of the licensee or registrant, and the name of the individual to whom the dead human body was released.

(e) The name and any available identifying information of the deceased listed on the band or tag affixed to the dead human body as outlined in subrules (1) and (2) of this rule.

(4) The registrant shall maintain a chain-of-custody log for not less than 7 years.

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