

156.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Board*" means the board of mortuary science examiners.
2. "*Cremation*" means the technical process, using heat and flame, that reduces human remains to bone fragments. The reduction takes place through heat and evaporation. Cremation shall include the processing, and may include the pulverization, of the bone fragments.
3. "*Cremation establishment*" means a place of business as defined by the board which provides any aspect of cremation services.
4. "*Funeral director*" means a person licensed by the board to practice mortuary science.
5. "*Funeral establishment*" means a place of business as defined by the board devoted to providing any aspect of mortuary science.
6. "*Intern*" means a person registered by the board to practice mortuary science under the direct supervision of a funeral director.
7. "*Mortuary science*" means the engaging in any of the following:
 - a. Preparing, for burial or disposal, or directing and supervising burial or disposal of dead human bodies except supervising cremations.
 - b. Making funeral arrangements or furnishing any funeral services in connection with disposition of dead human bodies or sale of any casket, vault, urn, or other burial receptacle.
 - c. Using the words "*funeral director*", "*mortician*", or any other title implying that the person is engaged as a funeral director as defined in this section.
 - d. Embalming by disinfecting or preserving dead human bodies, entire or in part, by the use of chemical substances, fluids or gases in the body, or by the introduction of same into the body by vascular or hypodermic injections, or by direct application into the organs or cavities for the purpose of preservation or disinfection.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the operation of any funeral home, funeral establishment, or cremation establishment by any person, heir, fiduciary, firm, cooperative burial association, or corporation. However, each such person, firm, cooperative burial association, or corporation shall ensure that all mortuary science services are provided by a funeral director, and shall keep the Iowa department of public health advised of the name of the funeral director.

[S13, § 2575-a36; C24, 27, § 2584; C31, 35, § 2585-c1; C39, § **2585.01**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 156.1]