

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman**
 Pamela Jones Harbour
 Jon Leibowitz
 William E. Kovacic
 J. Thomas Rosch

In the Matter of

**MISSOURI BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND
FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

Docket No. C-

DECISION AND ORDER

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of the Missouri Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (the "Board"), hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent," and Respondent having been furnished thereafter with a copy of the draft Complaint that the Bureau of Competition presented to the Commission for its consideration and which, if issued by the Commission, would charge Respondent with violations of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45; and

Respondent, its attorneys, and counsel for the Commission having voluntarily executed an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Consent Agreement"), containing an admission by Respondent of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the aforesaid draft Complaint, a statement that the signing of the Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the aforementioned Complaint, or that the facts as alleged in such Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true, and waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission's Rules; and

The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and having determined that it had reason to believe that Respondent has violated the said Act, and that a Complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect, and having accepted the executed Consent Agreement and placed such Consent Agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days for the receipt and consideration of public comments, now in further conformity with the procedure described in Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34 (2004), the Commission hereby makes the following jurisdictional findings and issues the following Decision and Order ("Order"):

1. Respondent, the Missouri Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is an industry regulatory

www.pr.mo.gov.embalmers.asp” on Page 1 in the next version of the Missouri State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Rules and Regulations, Chapters 333, 436, 193, 194, which shall be provided to all Licensees within one (1) year from the date this Order becomes final; and,

Notify the Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue

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N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, at least thirty (30) days prior to: a) filing with the Missouri Secretary of State any Proposed Order of Rulemaking concerning the Board’s rules or regulations; or b) proposing any change in Respondent; if such proposed change may affect compliance obligations arising out of this Order.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file a written report within six (6) months of the date this Order becomes final, and annually on the anniversary date of the original report for each of the five (5) years thereafter, and at such other times as the Commission may require by written notice to Respondent, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which it has complied with this Order.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall terminate