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Our mission statement proclaims “TFDA facilitates the success and quality service of funeral professionals through leadership, advocacy, and education.” Advocacy is a huge portion of what TFDA provides to TN funeral professionals. The benevolence of these generous contributors allows TFDA to fulfill this most important component of our mission.

Just to give you a few examples of the importance of TFDA legislative efforts of which you may not be aware:

**Liability Limitation** – Maybe the most important accomplishment from TFDA’s legislative efforts was the successful passage of several statutes eliminating liability for funeral directors both criminally and civilly. This protection applies if the licensee has no reason to believe that the person making the arrangements did not act in good faith. This was a huge liberation for funeral professionals being held responsible for situations of which they have no control.

**Right to Work bill.** Over the past few years there has been several attempts to eliminate, or at best, minimize, supervisory authority of many TN regulatory boards; TN Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, included. The proposal included no formal education as a prerequisite to the right to practice as the license would be eliminated. The only requirements would be to serve an apprenticeship and to pass the TN funeral director/embalmer test. TFDA was able to convince legislators of the importance of educating funeral directors as a public safeguard.

**Electronic Death Certificates** – Although no legislation was needed, TFDA and especially the TFDA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) played a major role in implementing the VIRSM program in TN. Several members of the GAC worked

closely with TN Vital Records Department in getting VIRSM to the funeral homes and assisting with operation assistance when needed.

These are but a few examples, there are many more.

As in today's world all good things come with a price. In order to continue the protection and enhancement of our profession, TFDA would respectfully ask for your assistance to join efforts with these generous donors with a donation of your own. Please help TFDA in support of our mission to facilitate the success and quality service of Tennessee funeral professionals.

