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To: County Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 568

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 2 PROVIDE THAT THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTIES OF THIS 3 STATE MAY BURY LIVESTOCK WHICH HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF AN 4 EMERGENCY SITUATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 6 SECTION 1. Section 19-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 7 amended as follows:

19-5-15. The boards of supervisors of the several counties 8 9 of this state, in their discretion, are hereby authorized and empowered to use the road equipment of the counties to dig graves 10 for the burying of livestock which shall have died as a result of 11 12 an emergency situation as determined by the boards of supervisors 13 or from an epidemic, whenever any licensed veterinarian shall 14 certify to the board or any member thereof that there is an 15 epidemic, contagious disease, among the livestock of the county or any portion of the county and immediate burial is necessary in 16 17 order to prevent the spread of a contagious disease and would be in the best interest of the community wherein livestock have 18 19 contracted such disease, provided such graves shall be upon the 20 premises of the owner of the livestock, or upon property provided by such owner. 21

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

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