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To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 760

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE OWNERS OR GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF
2 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES TO KEEP RECORDS OF ALL PERSONS
3 INTERRED IN SUCH CEMETERIES AND PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE
4 OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS REGISTRATION; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF
5 VITAL RECORDS REGISTRATION TO COMPILE, ORGANIZE AND INDEX SUCH
6 INFORMATION AND MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
7 EXAMINATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. (1) The owner or governing authorities of every
10 public or private cemetery in this state shall record and preserve
11 a record of all persons interred in such cemeteries from and after
12 January 1, 2001, and shall report such information, not less
13 frequently than quarterly, to the Office of Vital Records
14 Registration of the State Department of Health on a form prepared
15 by the Office of Vital Records and Registration. Such records and
16 reports shall provide the full name, date of birth, date of death
17 and date of interment of the deceased and such other information
18 as the Office of Vital Records and Registration, by rule or
19 regulation, may require to properly identify deceased persons and
20 the place where the remains of such persons are interred.

21 (2) The Office of Vital Records Registration shall compile,
22 organize and index such records and information and shall permit
23 such information and records to be accessed, examined and copied

24 by the public in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records
25 Act of 1983.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2000.