

By: Representatives Stringer, Warren,
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To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 862

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:

8 19-5-15. The boards of supervisors of the several counties
9 of this state, in their discretion, are hereby authorized and
10 empowered to use the road equipment of the counties to dig graves
11 for the burying of livestock which shall have died as a result of
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
16 any portion of the county and immediate burial is necessary in
17 order to prevent the spread of a contagious disease and would be
18 in the best interest of the community wherein livestock have
19 contracted such disease, provided such graves shall be upon the
20 premises of the owner of the livestock, or upon property provided
21 by such owner.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2002.

