

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING CASKETS TO BE
2 REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE; TO REQUIRE
3 ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING CASKETS TO PROVIDE THE CONSUMER WITH
4 CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL
5 SERVICE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
6 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) Every establishment selling caskets where
9 the seller delivers the casket at the time of the execution of the
10 contract or upon final payment, should the payment be made in
11 installments, shall be registered with and regulated by the State
12 Board of Funeral Service of the State of Mississippi. Such
13 establishments shall:

14 (a) Furnish the consumer with a price list of all caskets
15 available from the establishment from the lowest price to the
16 highest price and state on any contract with the consumer the fee
17 that shall be charged for delivery of the casket;

18 (b) Coordinate the delivery of the casket with a funeral
19 home or other receiving party;

20 (c) Provide warranty information to the consumer or, if
21 there is no warranty, inform the consumer that there is no
22 warranty;

23 (d) Provide the name of the manufacturer of the casket to
24 the consumer; and

25 (e) Provide the consumer with an itemized bill, which bill
26 must be signed by the consumer and kept by the establishment
27 selling the casket for a period of at least three (3) years from
28 the date of sale.



29 (2) The State Board of Funeral Service shall promulgate
30 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of
31 this act.

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

