

By: Representative Stringer

To: County Affairs

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 441

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. (1) The boards of supervisors of the several
9 counties of this state, in their discretion, are hereby authorized
10 and empowered to use the road equipment of the counties to dig
11 graves for the burying of livestock which shall have died:

12 (a) As a result of an emergency situation as determined
13 by the boards of supervisors; or

14 (b) From an epidemic, whenever any licensed
15 veterinarian shall certify to the board or any member thereof that
16 there is an epidemic, contagious disease, among the livestock of
17 the county or any portion of the county and immediate burial is
18 necessary in order to prevent the spread of a contagious disease
19 and would be in the best interest of the community wherein
20 livestock have contracted such disease.

21 (2) Any graves dug by the county under subsection (1) of
22 this section shall be upon the premises of the owner of the
23 livestock, or upon property provided by such owner, if the owner
24 is known.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2003.

