

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1373

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-11-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING CASKETS TO PROVIDE THE CONSUMER  
3 WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF  
4 FUNERAL SERVICE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
5 TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-11-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 73-11-67. (1) Every person, establishment or company not  
10 licensed under this chapter that sells caskets at retail shall  
11 register annually with the board. Except as otherwise provided in  
12 subsection (2) of this section, those persons, establishments and  
13 companies are not subject to the other provisions of this chapter  
14 and are not subject to regulation or supervision by the board.  
15 The names of registrants under this section shall be made  
16 available to any person upon request during the regular business  
17 hours of the board.

18 (2) In addition to the requirements under subsection (1) of  
19 this section, every establishment selling caskets where the seller  
20 delivers the casket at the time of the execution of the contract  
21 or upon final payment, should the payment be made in installments,  
22 shall be registered with and regulated by the State Board of  
23 Funeral Service of the State of Mississippi. Such establishments  
24 shall:

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

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

31                   (c) Provide warranty information to the consumer or, if  
32 there is no warranty, inform the consumer that there is no  
33 warranty;

34                   (d) Provide the name of the manufacturer of the casket  
35 to the consumer; and

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

40           (3) The State Board of Funeral Service shall promulgate  
41 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of  
42 this act.

43           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2004.