

By: Representatives Sullivan, Montgomery,
Ward

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 851

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO USE COUNTY
3 EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES TO BURY DEAD LIVESTOCK ON PROPERTY OWNED
4 BY OR PROVIDED BY THE OWNER OF THE LIVESTOCK WITHOUT THE
5 REQUIREMENT FOR A FINDING THAT SUCH BURIAL IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT
6 THE SPREAD OF A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE AMONG OTHER LIVESTOCK OF THE
7 COUNTY; TO EXCLUDE COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS FROM THE
8 AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 19-5-15. (1) The boards of supervisors of the several
13 counties of this state, in their discretion, may use the road
14 equipment of the counties and county employees to dig graves for
15 the burying of dead livestock if the graves are upon the premises
16 of the owner of the livestock or upon property provided by the
17 owner.

18 (2) The authority granted under subsection (1) of this
19 section shall not be applicable to commercial livestock
20 operations.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2005.