

By: Senator(s) Thomas

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2443

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF  
2 FUNERAL SERVICE FROM BURYING THE DECEASED BY PLACING THE BODY  
3 DIRECTLY IN THE GROUND WITHOUT A CASKET OR CONTAINER; TO PROVIDE  
4 CRIMINAL PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person engaging in  
7 the business or practice of funeral service, including embalming  
8 and/or funeral directing, to bury the deceased by placing the body  
9 directly in the ground without a casket or container. Any person  
10 who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
11 fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than  
12 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per violation.

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