

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 658

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-11-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE FUNERAL DIRECTOR ASSISTANTS TO PERFORM ALL OF THE  
3 ACTIVITIES THAT A FUNERAL DIRECTOR MAY PERFORM EXCEPT FOR MAKING  
4 FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-11-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 73-11-65. (1) Every funeral service or interment, or part  
9 thereof, that is conducted in Mississippi must be in the actual  
10 charge and under the supervision of a funeral director or funeral  
11 service licensee who is licensed under this chapter. However,  
12 this section shall not prevent a family from burying its own dead  
13 without charge.

14 (2) A funeral director assistant, under the supervision of a  
15 licensed funeral director, may perform all of the activities that  
16 a funeral director may perform except for making funeral  
17 arrangements.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after July 1, 2018.

