

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 660

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-11-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT HAS PICKED UP A
 3 BODY AND HAS PERFORMED EMBALMING SERVICES OR OTHER SERVICES IN
 4 PREPARING THE BODY FOR BURIAL OR CREMATION, AND THE PERSON WHO IS
 5 THE NEXT OF KIN OR AUTHORIZING AGENT OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
 6 DECEASED REQUESTS THAT THE BODY BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FUNERAL
 7 ESTABLISHMENT FOR BURIAL OR CREMATION, THE TRANSFEREE FUNERAL
 8 ESTABLISHMENT MUST FIRST PAY THE TRANSFERRING FUNERAL
 9 ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICES THAT WERE PERFORMED BY
 10 THE TRANSFERRING FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT BEFORE THE BODY MAY BE
 11 TRANSFERRED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 14 73-11-75, Mississippi Code of 1972:

15 73-11-75. When a funeral establishment has picked up a body
 16 and has performed embalming services or other services in
 17 preparing the body for burial or cremation, and the person who is
 18 the next of kin or authorizing agent or representative of the
 19 deceased requests that the body be transferred to another funeral
 20 establishment for burial or cremation, the transferee funeral
 21 establishment must first pay the transferring funeral
 22 establishment for the cost of the services that were performed by



23 the transferring funeral establishment before the body may be
24 transferred.

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

