

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
 2 CENTER TO REARRANGE, DISINTER, REMOVE OR REINTER HUMAN REMAINS
 3 REPOSING IN THE POTTER'S FIELD ON THE PROPERTY OF THE MEDICAL
 4 CENTER TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON THE MEDICAL CENTER'S PROPERTY;
 5 TO REPEAL SECTION 2, CHAPTER 846, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1973,
 6 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 854, LAWS OF 1974, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE
 7 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS
 8 REGARDING HUMAN REMAINS IN THE POTTER'S FIELD ON ITS PROPERTY; AND
 9 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) The University of Mississippi Medical Center
 12 is authorized, in its discretion, to rearrange or disinter, remove
 13 or reinter human remains reposing in the potter's field located on
 14 the University of Mississippi Medical Center's property to a
 15 different location on the medical center's property when the
 16 disinterment, removal or reinterment is necessary for proper and
 17 efficient maintenance and management.

18 (2) Markers, headstones, or other identification shall
 19 accompany the remains whenever identification exists, and a record
 20 of the removal and reinterment shall be maintained in the files of
 21 the chancery clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi.



22 (3) Before taking any action authorized under this section,
23 the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall first advertise
24 its intent to rearrange, disinter, remove or reinter remains from
25 the property by publishing notice in a newspaper of the county
26 once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

27 (4) The University of Mississippi Medical Center and its
28 officers and employees shall be immune from any action or suit
29 arising from the maintenance or attempted maintenance of the
30 potter's field and the rearrangement, removal or reinterment of
31 remains, when performed in good faith under authority of this
32 section.

33 **SECTION 2.** Section 2, Chapter 846, Local and Private Laws of
34 1973, as amended by Chapter 854, Laws of 1974, which authorizes
35 the University of Mississippi Medical Center to take certain
36 actions regarding human remains in the potter's field on its
37 property, is repealed.

38 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after its passage.

