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H.B. No. 1372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of a transportation protection agreement as a prepaid funeral benefit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 154.002, Finance Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (9) and adding Subdivision (15) to read as follows:

(9) "Prepaid funeral benefits" means prearranged or prepaid funeral or cemetery services or funeral merchandise, including an alternative container, casket, or outer burial container. The term does not include:

(A) a grave, marker, monument, tombstone, crypt, niche, plot, or lawn crypt unless it is sold in contemplation of trade for a funeral service or funeral merchandise to which this chapter applies; or

(B) a transportation protection agreement.

(15) "Transportation protection agreement" means an agreement to pay for transportation of a body from the place of death to a licensed holding facility or licensed crematory, if the place of death is more than 75 miles from the location of the licensed facility that will provide the funeral services.

SECTION 2. Section 154.151, Finance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) A transportation protection agreement is not considered

1 to be a part of a sales contract for prepaid funeral benefits.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.