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S.B. No. 1539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to in-casket identification of a deceased person.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 8, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 695 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 695. IN-CASKET IDENTIFICATION

Sec. 695.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Casket" means a container used to hold the remains of a deceased person.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

Sec. 695.002. IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED PERSON. The commission shall ensure a casket contains identification of a deceased person, including the person's name, date of birth, and date of death.

Sec. 695.003. RULES. The commission may adopt rules to enforce this chapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.