

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1539
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 1, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 1, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to in-casket identification of a deceased person.
1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-10 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 8, Health and Safety Code, is
1-11 amended by adding Chapter 695 to read as follows:
1-12 CHAPTER 695. IN-CASKET IDENTIFICATION
1-13 Sec. 695.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
1-14 (1) "Casket" means a container used to hold the
1-15 remains of a deceased person.
1-16 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Funeral Service
1-17 Commission.
1-18 Sec. 695.002. IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED PERSON. The
1-19 commission shall ensure a casket contains identification of the
1-20 deceased person, including the person's name, date of birth, and
1-21 date of death.
1-22 Sec. 695.003. RULES. The commission may adopt rules to
1-23 enforce this chapter.
1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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