

By: Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.B. No. 2286

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of a funeral director or an agent at the interment or entombment of a human body.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 651.4085 to read as follows:

Sec. 651.4085. INTERMENT OR ENTOMBMENT. (a) A funeral director who contracts with a customer to perform funeral directing under this chapter, or an agent of the funeral establishment, shall be present when the casket containing the human body to which the contract applies is placed in a grave, crypt, or burial vault unless interment or entombment takes place at a location outside this state.

(b) The funeral directing duties related to interment or entombment services are complete when the casket is placed in a grave, crypt, or burial vault.

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, 2011.