

# **Texas Department of Banking**

## **Press Release**

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### **State Banking Department Seizes Records of Curtis-Starks Funeral Home, Abilene, Texas**

Date: February 13, 2006

On February 13, 2006, the Texas Department of Banking (Department) seized the records relating to the prepaid funeral benefit contracts sold by Curtis - Starks Funeral Home (Curtis - Starks), in Abilene, Texas. Curtis - Starks violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts without a permit issued by the Department. The Department served Curtis - Starks with a Cease and Desist Order ordering Curtis - Starks to cease selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts and cease collecting associated funds.

If you purchased a prepaid funeral benefit contract from Curtis - Starks, contact the Department to verify the status of your contract and to find out more about your options. The Department's address and phone number is:

Texas Department of Banking  
Special Audits Division  
2601 N. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78705-4294

Toll-free (877) 276-5554, at the menu prompt select "3" for Inquiries/Complaints, at the next prompt select "6" for Funeral Contracts/Cemeteries or Directly (512) 475-1285.