

# **Texas Department of Banking**

## **Press Release**

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### **Dignified Management Group, Inc., Houston, Texas Ordered to Cease and Desist**

Date: July 14, 2008

On July 11, 2008, the Texas Department of Banking issued a Cease and Desist and Seizure Order against Mr. Larry Payette individually and as President of Dignified Management Group, Inc., dba Dignified Affordable Cremation and Funerals, located in Houston, Texas. Dignified violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts without a permit issued by the Department. Under the Order, Mr. Payette and Dignified were instructed to cease selling prepaid funeral contracts and cease collecting associated funds.

If you purchased a prepaid funeral benefit contract from Dignified, 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.