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Department of Banking Issues an Emergency Cease and Desist and Seizure Order to Howell-Doran Funeral Home, Inc., San Saba, Texas

On June 29, 2011, the Texas Department of Banking issued an Emergency Cease and Desist and Seizure Order against Mr. Kevin Keeney individually and as Vice President of Howell-Doran Funeral Home, Inc. (Howell-Doran), and Margie Keeney individually and as President of Howell-Doran, located in San Saba, Texas, relating to the sale of prepaid funeral benefit contracts. Howell-Doran violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by failing to properly account for and deposit money collected from the sale of prepaid funeral contracts. Under the Order, Howell-Doran was instructed to cease selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts and cease collecting associated funds.

The Department will begin proceedings to find another funeral home to service the outstanding contracts. The Department's goal is to protect the rights and interests of the contract purchasers.

Inquiries regarding your prepaid funeral contract should be directed to:

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