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Sen. Scott Appointed to Joint Committee on Preneed Funeral Contracts

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Delbert Scott, R-Lowry City, has been named the chair of the Joint Committee on Preneed Funeral Contracts. The joint committee was created as a provision of [Senate Bill 788](#), which was signed by the governor in July and became effective August 28.

The [Joint Committee on Preneed Funeral Contracts](#) was established to make a comprehensive study and analysis of the consumer and economic impact on the preneed funeral contract industry in Missouri. The committee is also charged with determining the need for changes in statutory law regarding preneed funeral contracts, as well as making any other recommendations to the General Assembly relating to its findings.

Many states regulate preneed funeral contracts and these regulations grant citizens certain rights as consumers. Prepaying for funerals in advance, often called pre-need, is what sparks many of these state regulations.

“Traditionally, regulating the sale of these contracts and agreements is more complicated than regulating the sale of other types of consumer products,” said Sen. Scott. “Even though more and more Missourians are making advanced funeral plans for themselves and loved ones in order to ease the burden and relieve unwanted stress at a time of grief for family and friends, the biggest complication with these contracts deals with the length of time between signing the agreement and the need for the services in the contract.”

The joint committee is made up of seven members of the Senate and seven members of the House of Representatives. A full report of the committee’s recommendations will be submitted to the General Assembly by January 21, 2009.

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