

By: Senator(s) Bean

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2172

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT OF A BENEFICIARY OR INSURED TO  
2 REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
3 WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF THEIR PRACTICE; TO PROVIDE THE INSURED  
4 A FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINER AND PLACE OF SERVICES; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Whenever any policy of insurance or any medical  
8 service plan or hospital service contract or hospital and medical  
9 service contract issued in this state provides for reimbursement  
10 for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a  
11 duly licensed athletic trainer as defined in Section 73-55-3(c),  
12 Mississippi Code of 1972, then such service may be performed by a  
13 duly licensed athletic trainer, and the insured or other person  
14 entitled to benefits under such policy, plan or contract shall be  
15 entitled to reimbursement for such services. The insured shall  
16 have the right to choose the place where the service is to be  
17 performed as well as the athletic trainer to perform such service,  
18 provided that such service shall be performed in the athletic  
19 trainer's clinical setting or regular place of business. A duly  
20 licensed athletic trainer shall be entitled to participate in such  
21 policies, plans or contracts only as authorized by Section  
22 73-55-9, Mississippi Code of 1972.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 1999.