HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2002.