SENATE BILL NO. 2765

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),
Mississippi Code of 1972, 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

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