

By: Senator(s) King

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2459

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 then such service may be performed by a duly licensed athletic  
13 trainer, and the insured or other person entitled to benefits  
14 under such policy, plan or contract shall be entitled to  
15 reimbursement for such services. The insured shall have the right  
16 to choose the place where the service is to be performed as well  
17 as the athletic trainer to perform such service, provided that  
18 such service shall be performed in the athletic trainer's clinical  
19 setting or regular place of business. A duly licensed athletic  
20 trainer shall be entitled to participate in such policies, plans  
21 or contracts only as authorized by Section 73-55-9.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2003.

