

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2184

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-9-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ISSUERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES SHALL NOT DENY
3 BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR THE TREATMENT OF INJURIES SOLELY BECAUSE THE
4 INJURY RESULTED FROM PARTICIPATION OF THE INSURED OR BENEFICIARY
5 IN CERTAIN LEGAL ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 The term "policy of accident and sickness insurance," as used
10 in Sections 83-9-1 through 83-9-21, includes any individual or
11 group policy or contract of insurance against loss resulting from
12 sickness or from bodily injury, including dental care expenses
13 resulting from sickness or bodily injury, or death by accident, or
14 accidental means, or both. An issuer of a policy of accident and
15 sickness insurance shall not deny benefits provided for the
16 treatment of an injury solely because such injury resulted from
17 participation of the insured or beneficiary in an activity such as
18 motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback
19 riding, skiing or other similar legal activity.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2006.