

By: Representative Turner

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1166

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ADOPT
 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW HIM, DURING A COMPANY EXAMINATION,
 3 TO EXAMINE AND ADDRESS ANY INEQUALITIES REGARDING PROVIDER
 4 REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID BY AN INSURER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OTHER PAYOR
 5 OR BY THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS; TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO
 6 COMPLY WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER MAY
 7 RESULT IN A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 PER VIOLATION; TO ADD A
 8 FOUR-YEAR REPEALER TO THE SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Commissioner of Insurance may adopt
 11 rules and regulations to allow him, during a company examination,
 12 to examine and address any inequalities or irregularities
 13 regarding provider reimbursement rates paid by an insurer,
 14 subcontractor, third-party administrator or other payor regarding
 15 covered services received by covered persons in this state. Such
 16 rules and regulations shall allow an insurer to show evidence as
 17 to why any inequality or irregularity may be justified. Failure
 18 to comply with rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner
 19 under this section may result in a fine not to exceed Ten Thousand
 20 Dollars (\$10,000.00) per violation.

21 (2) This section shall not apply to Medicaid health plans.



22 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after its passage.

