



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 204**

February Session, 2006

Substitute Senate Bill No. 552

*Senate, March 29, 2006*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR MORBID OBESITY AND PROSTHETIC DEVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2006, the  
2 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
3 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance shall convene a  
4 working group to conduct a study of the feasibility of requiring  
5 individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for  
6 (1) medically necessary expenses associated with the diagnosis and  
7 treatment of morbid obesity, and (2) prosthetic devices.

8 (b) The working group shall consist of (1) the Insurance  
9 Commissioner, (2) the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of  
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
11 insurance, and (3) not more than eight members appointed by said  
12 chairpersons. Said chairpersons shall chair the working group.

13 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the working group shall submit a  
14 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
16 relating to insurance, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
17 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**INS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill appoints the Chairs of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee to the working group. To the extent that legislators serve on the task force Legislative Management may incur minimal costs for legislator mileage reimbursements (currently 44.5 cents per mile), such costs are budgeted for, and can be handled within the agency's normal budgetary resources. The bill also requires the Insurance Commissioner to be a member of the working group. There is no fiscal impact as a result of the bill.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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