



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 512

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 552

Senate, April 13, 2006

The Committee on Legislative Management reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th 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 study 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 study group shall consist of (1) the Insurance Commissioner,
9 (2) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to insurance, and (3) not more than eight members appointed
12 by said chairpersons. Said chairpersons shall chair the study group.

13 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the study 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

LM *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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill appoints the chairs and ranking members 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

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Municipal Impact: None

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

Yea 15 Nay 3 (03/16/2006)

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 4 (04/06/2006)