



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 552

February Session, 2006

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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
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