

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 675

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after the first “organizations,” insert “and”; in the same line, strike “, and carriers”; in line 5, strike “for the expenses incurred by certain obese patients”; strike beginning with “under” in line 6 down through “system;” in line 7 and substitute “of morbid obesity as recognized by a certain entity; requiring the coverage of morbid obesity to be provided to the same extent as other medically necessary surgical procedures;”; and in line 8, strike “expenses for” and substitute “surgical”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 5 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive; in line 20, strike “(4)” and substitute “(3)”; in line 21, after “SQUARED” insert “OR EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 35 KILOGRAMS PER METER SQUARED WITH COMORBIDITY OR COEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING HYPERTENSION, CARDIOPULMONARY CONDITIONS, SLEEP APNEA, OR DIABETES”; in line 29, after “STATE;” insert “AND”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 31 down through “ARTICLE” in line 33; in line 34, strike “SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION;” and strike beginning with “EXPENSES” in line 35 down through “IF:” in line 36 and substitute “TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY THROUGH GASTRIC BYPASS SURGERY OR ANOTHER SURGICAL METHOD THAT IS:

(1) RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AS EFFECTIVE FOR THE LONG-TERM REVERSAL OF MORBID OBESITY; AND

(2) CONSISTENT WITH CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.”.

(Over)

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 9, inclusive; in line 11, strike “FOR”; in line 12, strike “MEDICAL CONDITION” and substitute “MEDICALLY NECESSARY SURGICAL PROCEDURES”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 and 15.