

SENATE BILL 1031

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By: **Senator Middleton**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity – Repeal of**
3 **Reporting Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement that the Maryland Insurance
5 Administration report annually to certain committees of the General Assembly
6 on complaints relating to the denial of coverage for the surgical treatment of
7 morbid obesity; and generally relating to the insurance coverage of the surgical
8 treatment of morbid obesity.

9 BY repealing

10 Chapter 486 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by
11 Chapter 301 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005
12 Section 3

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 486 of the Acts of 2004, as amended by Chapter 301 of the Acts of**
16 **2005**

17 [SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December
18 15, 2004 and annually thereafter, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall
19 report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee,
2 for the 12-month period following the date the preceding report is provided, on:

3 (1) the number of complaints filed with the Administration relating to
4 the denial of coverage for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity;

5 (2) the health insurance carrier that denied coverage and the reason
6 given for the denial; and

7 (3) whether the Administration upheld or reversed the denial of
8 coverage and the basis of the decision.]

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.