

## **Chapter 646**

**(Senate Bill 1031)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing

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

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

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

[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 15, 2004 and annually thereafter, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, for the 12–month period following the date the preceding report is provided, on:

- (1) the number of complaints filed with the Administration relating to the denial of coverage for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity;
- (2) the health insurance carrier that denied coverage and the reason given for the denial; and
- (3) whether the Administration upheld or reversed the denial of coverage and the basis of the decision.]

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.**