The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl B. Cooper.

DIGEST

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<u>Proposed law</u> defines "severe obesity" as a body mass index (BMI) of at least 40 or a BMI of at least 35 along with comorbidity or existing medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary condition, sleep apnea, fatty liver disease, or diabetes.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Office of Group Benefits to offer a provision stating that benefits shall be payable for the treatment of severe obesity through bariatric surgery or other methods recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective for the long-term reversal of severe obesity.

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