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S 0952 General Bill, By Jackson

Summary: Obesity Treatment and Management Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-790 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA OBESITY TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT ACT" TO CREATE A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF THE HIGH RATE OF OBESITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE USE OF BARIATRIC SURGERY, AMONG OTHER METHODS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS, TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM MUST BE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BY THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, TO CREATE THE BARIATRIC ADVISORY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM AND WHEN A MEDICAL CENTER OR HOSPITAL MAY PROVIDE A SERVICE UNDER THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THE PROGRAM MAY ACCEPT DURING ITS FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERATION, TO PROVIDE A REPORTING REQUIREMENT AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM'S FIRST TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF OPERATION, TO ENSURE THE LEAST INITIAL COST TO THE STATE IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE PROGRAM'S IMPLEMENTATION, EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR GASTRIC BANDING SUCH AS LAP BANDS, AND TO PROVIDE ON A FUTURE DATE A BENEFIT PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO A PARTICIPANT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION.

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