

State Corporation Commission
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1081

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Lambert

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Health insurance; mandated coverage for morbid obesity treatment.

5. Summary/Purpose : Revises the provision that insurers may not restrict access to surgery for morbid obesity based upon dietary or any other criterion not approved by the National Institutes of Health. Provides that standards and criteria, including those related to diet, used by insurers to approve or restrict access to surgery for morbid obesity shall be based upon current clinical guidelines recognized by the National Institutes of Health.

6. No Fiscal Impact on state agencies

7. Budget amendment necessary : No

8. Fiscal implications : None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected : State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary : No

11. Other comments : Senate Bill 1081 addresses an inconsistency in § 38.2 - 3418.3 of the Code of Virginia, a mandated health insurance offer for coverage for morbid obesity that was enacted several years ago as the result of legislation introduced by Senator Lambert, patron of this bill. Apparently, the National Institutes of Health do not approve, but only recognize criteria. The bill will clear up that discrepancy.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources