

**State Corporation Commission
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB931

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Ticer

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Health insurance; mandated coverage for

Summary/Purpose: Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the cost of prosthetic devices and components. The term is defined as a device to replace a limb in whole or in part or an eye. Coverage extends to the cost of the device as well as the fitting, repair or replacement, subject to certain limitations identified in the bill. The treating physician must certify the medical necessity of the prosthetic device and component as a proposed course of treatment. The coverage shall, at a minimum, equal the coverage provided under provisions of the federal Medicare program. The bill has a January 1, 2008 effective date.

6. No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: A similar bill was previously considered by the Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits (2003 HB 2552, introduced by Delegate Steven Landes, though the bill only applied to prosthetic legs). The Special Advisory Commission voted 11-0 against recommending enactment. Because more than 24 months have passed since the 2003 bill was reviewed, SB 931 should be referred to the Special Advisory Commission for a review. The bill was passed by in committee with a letter on January 15, 2007 .

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Cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Secretary of Health and Human Resources