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# SENATE BILL NO. 597

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for morbid obesity.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 376.1635, to read as follows:

**376.1635. 1. All health benefit plans, as defined in section  
2 376.1350, that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed  
3 on or after August 28, 2006, and providing coverage to any resident of  
4 this state shall provide coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity.**

5 **2. As used in this section, the term "morbid obesity" means a  
6 weight which is at least one hundred pounds over or twice the ideal  
7 weight for frame, age, height, and gender as specified in the 1983  
8 Metropolitan Life Insurance tables. Morbid obesity also means a body  
9 mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than thirty-five kilograms per  
10 meter squared with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such  
11 as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes  
12 or a BMI of forty kilograms per meter squared without such  
13 comorbidity. BMI equals weight in kilograms divided by height in  
14 meters squared.**

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