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S.B. No. 1906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to breast reconstruction services for recipients of  
3 medical assistance.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 32.059 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 32.059. BREAST RECONSTRUCTION SERVICES. (a) If the  
8 department provides to a recipient of medical assistance under this  
9 chapter necessary mastectomy surgery and related services, the  
10 department shall also provide to the recipient:

11 (1) reconstruction of the breast on which the  
12 mastectomy has been performed;

13 (2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to  
14 achieve a symmetrical appearance; and

15 (3) prostheses and treatment of physical  
16 complications, including lymphedemas, at all stages of mastectomy.

17 (b) The services required by this section shall be provided  
18 in a manner determined to be appropriate by the attending physician  
19 and the recipient.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.