

1-1 By: Jackson S.B. No. 2577  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 6, 2009; May 6, 2009, read first  
1-3 time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 12, 2009,  
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2;  
1-5 May 12, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to bariatric surgery coverage for state employees.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, is  
1-11 amended by adding Section 1551.225 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 1551.225. BARIATRIC SURGERY COVERAGE. (a) The board  
1-13 of trustees shall develop a cost-neutral or cost-positive plan for  
1-14 providing under the group benefits program bariatric surgery  
1-15 coverage for employees eligible to participate in the program under  
1-16 Section 1551.101.

1-17 (b) The board of trustees may adopt rules as necessary to  
1-18 implement this section.

1-19 SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees  
1-20 Retirement System of Texas shall implement the plan required by  
1-21 Section 1551.225, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, as soon as  
1-22 practicable, but not later than September 1, 2010.

1-23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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