

(4) PERSONNEL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES;

(5) ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, ARISING UNDER A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OR OTHER STATE AGENCY; OR

(6) ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OR DETENTION CENTER FUNCTIONS.

(b) A county or Baltimore City may obtain insurance to provide the coverage and defense necessary under the Maryland Tort Claims Act for personnel covered by this section.

(c) (1) If a county or Baltimore City does not obtain adequate insurance coverage to satisfy the coverage and defense necessary under the Maryland Tort Claims Act, an assessment for coverage and for payment of any litigation expenses, other than for compensation for the time spent by any State employee working for the Attorney General, shall be set off from:

(i) any tax which has been appropriated in the State budget to the county or Baltimore City; or

(ii) the subdivision's share of any income tax collected by the State Comptroller.

(2) Any amount due under this subsection shall be collected in the manner provided by § 7-222 of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 736

(Senate Bill 522)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Treatment of Morbid Obesity

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations, ~~and carriers~~ to provide coverage ~~for the expenses incurred by certain obese patients for certain surgical treatment under certain circumstances; authorizing certain benefits to be provided through a managed care system; of morbid obesity as recognized by a certain entity;~~ requiring the coverage of morbid obesity to be provided to the same extent as for other medically necessary surgical procedures; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to