

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 757

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5 By: Senator Steele

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT BEFORE
10 GASTRIC BYPASS SURGERY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE WRITTEN INFORMED
14 CONSENT BEFORE GASTRIC BYPASS SURGERY.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95, Subchapter 2 is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 17-95-108.

22 No gastric bypass surgery shall be performed unless the physician who
23 will perform the surgery has informed the patient in writing of all known
24 side effects of the surgery and all the known future side effects of the
25 surgery, including but not limited to:

26 (1) Neuropathy leading to paralysis of the feet, legs, and
27 hands;

28 (2) Vitamin and mineral deficiencies, especially vitamin B-12
29 and iron;

30 (3) Chronic malnutrition, for the patient and for future
31 children born to female patients;

32 (4) Narrowing or ulceration of the connection between the
33 stomach and the small bowel;

34 (5) Leak, abscess, and infection;

35 (6) Pulmonary embolus, pericarditis, pleuritis, hemolytic
36 anemia, neutropenia;



- 1 (7) Osteoporosis and bone loss;
- 2 (8) Bile reflux gastritis;
- 3 (9) Fistuals, abnormal passages leading from one hollow organ to
- 4 another;
- 5 (10) Gallstones requiring cholecystectomy;
- 6 (11) Renal disease; and
- 7 (12) Death.

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