

Lipodystrophy Bill

Bill S.2137 An Act Relative to HIV-Associated Lipodystrophy Syndrome Treatment

Summary



- 1 This bill improves the lives of HIV positive residents who have been afflicted with the debilitating condition of lipodystrophy, a serious side effect from HIV medication.
- 2 Lipodystrophy is a condition that results from side effects from HIV medication, which causes abnormal fat accumulation around the head and neck or excessive fat loss in the face and limbs.
- 3 This bill provides insurance coverage for individuals who have been afflicted with a serious side effect from HIV medication.

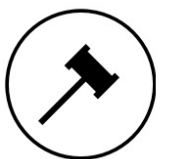
The Lipodystrophy bill was sponsored by Senator Mark C. Montigny (D-New Bedford)



Senator Mark C. Montigny
Chair, Joint Committee on Rules



The legislation was passed on **February 25, 2016**



Passed Unanimously

STATUS



Signed into Law

Fat accumulations from lipodystrophy can cause serious head and neck pain, inability to sleep, posture issues, and result in a poor quality of life. Excessive fat loss can result in "facial wasting" and serve as a Scarlet Letter for people with HIV. This bill provides insurance coverage for individuals who have been afflicted with lipodystrophy.

RESPONSE



"This bill provides insurance coverage for individuals who have been afflicted with a serious side effect from HIV medication. Insurance companies, without this legislation, will continue to deny coverage based on nonsense claims that treatment for lipodystrophy is a so called 'cosmetic' procedure."

- Senator Mark C. Montigny

"This historic bill continues Massachusetts' leadership ensuring sound and compassionate healthcare for people with HIV."

-Bennett Klein, AIDS Law Project director at GLAD, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders



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