AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(2) and (J)(3), relative to coroner authority for
telemedicine examinations; to clarify those persons who may execute an emergency
certificate via actual examination or telemedicine examination; and to provide for
related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:53(G)(2) and (J)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
follows:

§53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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(2)(a) Within seventy-two hours of admission, the person shall be
independently examined by the coroner or his deputy who shall execute an
emergency certificate, pursuant to Subsection B of this Section, which shall be a
necessary precondition to the person's continued confinement.

(b) Except as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, a coroner, who
is a physician, or his deputy, who is a physician, may utilize telehealth to conduct the
seventy-two-hour independent examination pursuant to this Paragraph.

(c) Except as provided in Paragraph (7) of this Subsection, if the actual
examination by the psychiatrist referred to provided for in Paragraph (B)(1) of this

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Section is conducted by telemedicine, utilizing telehealth, the seventy-two-hour independent examination by the coroner or his deputy shall be conducted in person.

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(3) In any instance where the coroner or his deputy executes the first emergency certificate, the second emergency certificate shall not be executed by the coroner or his deputy, but the second emergency certificate may be executed by any other physician including a physician at the treatment facility. However, if the first examination by the coroner is conducted by a psychiatrist utilizing video conferencing technology, the second examination shall be conducted in person.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: __________________________