

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 30

BY SENATOR MCMATH

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to telehealth. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1223.4(D), relative to telehealth services; to provide for the use of telehealth; to provide for the regulation of telehealth by state agencies and licensing boards; to require synchronous interactions with a patient for certain conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1223.4(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1223.4. Telehealth; rulemaking required

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D. No state agency or professional or occupational licensing board or commission shall adopt or enforce any rule or policy that prohibits or restricts a licensed healthcare provider from using telehealth to evaluate, diagnose, or treat obesity or a related metabolic condition, including the prescription of FDA-approved or compounded noncontrolled medication, provided the healthcare provider conducts a synchronous interaction with the patient and acts within the scope of their license and in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 5 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 30 Engrossed

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Present law authorizes state agencies and licensing boards that regulate healthcare providers to promulgate rules to provide for, promote, and regulate the use of telehealth in the delivery of healthcare services within the scope of practice regulated by the licensing entity.

Proposed law prohibits state agencies licensing boards or commission from adopting or enforcing any rule or policy that prohibits or restricts a licensed healthcare provider from using telehealth to evaluate, diagnose, or treat obesity or a related metabolic condition.

Proposed law requires the healthcare provider to conduct a synchronous interaction with a patient, act within the scope of their license, and in accordance with applicable standard of care.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1223.4(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Requires synchronous interactions with a patient for healthcare providers using telehealth to evaluate, diagnose, or treat obesity or a related metabolic condition.