

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 461

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to the regulation of telemedicine and telehealth services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1276.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph), relative to  
3 telemedicine; to provide for a telemedicine license; to provide for the regulation of  
4 telemedicine; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1276.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended  
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1276.1. Telemedicine license

9 A. The board shall issue a telemedicine license as provided for in R.S.  
10 37:1271 to allow the practice of medicine across state lines to an applicant who holds  
11 a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another state or territory of the  
12 United States.

13 B. The board shall establish by rule in accordance with the Administrative  
14 Procedure Act the requirements for licensure under this Section, ~~provided the~~ The  
15 rules, at a minimum, shall include the following:

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the regulation of telemedicine by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law requires the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to issue a telemedicine license to allow the practice of medicine across state lines to an applicant who holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another state or territory of the United States.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a reference to the provision of present law requiring physicians to hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine in La. or a telemedicine license issued by the LSBME.

Present law requires the LSBME to promulgate administrative rules for the requirements for licensure. Further requires the rules to provide for certain content.

Proposed law retains present law but clarifies there are minimum requirements for the administrative rules.

(Amends R.S. 37:1276.1(A) and (B)(intro. para.))