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<u>Present law</u> requires a physician practicing telemedicine to maintain a physical practice location in Louisiana or affirms that he has an arrangement for referrals with a physician in Louisiana. <u>Proposed</u> <u>law</u> repeals <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> defines "synchronous interaction" as including interaction via two-way video <u>and</u> audio transmission simultaneously. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for interaction via two-way video <u>or</u> audio transmission.

<u>Present law</u> provides for rulemaking by respective professional or occupational licensing boards. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that rulemaking shall not be more restrictive than the provisions of <u>present</u> <u>law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides venue in suits arising out of telemedicine services in the district court where the patient resides or where the patient was physically located during the service.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 37:1271(B)(2)(b), R.S. 40:1223.3(5) and 1223.4(A); adds R.S. 40:1223.5)