

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

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

HEALTH/EMERG MED SERVICE: Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to evaluate a patient via telehealth for emergency certificates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(1), relative to admission for emergency certificates via
3 telehealth; to authorize psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct
4 telehealth examinations under certain circumstances; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 28:53(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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11 B.(1) Any physician licensed or permitted by the Louisiana State Board of
12 Medical Examiners, physician assistant when acting in accordance with ~~their~~ his
13 respective clinical practice guidelines, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner,
14 other nurse practitioner who acts in accordance with a collaborative practice
15 agreement and receives verbal approval for executing the certificate from his
16 collaborating physician, or psychologist may execute an emergency certificate only
17 after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness or be
18 suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder who is determined to be in
19 need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility because the examining
20 physician, physician assistant when acting in accordance with ~~their~~ his respective

