

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to the practice of telemedicine

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1271.1(A)(3), relative to the practice of telemedicine; to  
3 provide relative to the practice of telemedicine in licensed healthcare facilities; to  
4 provide for applicability of restrictions on the practice of telemedicine; to provide  
5 for regulation of the practice of medicine by the Louisiana State Board of Medical  
6 Examiners; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1271.1(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1271.1. Practice of telemedicine in licensed healthcare facilities

10 A. All of the following restrictions and authorizations apply to a physician  
11 who holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine from the board and who  
12 practices telemedicine upon any patient who is being treated at a healthcare facility  
13 that is required to be licensed pursuant to the laws of this state and which holds a  
14 current registration with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration:

15 \* \* \*

16 (3) ~~The~~ In all instances, the physician shall not be subject to any regulatory  
17 prohibition or restriction on the practice of telemedicine, including prohibitions or  
18 restrictions related to prescribing controlled dangerous substances, which are in any  
19 manner more restrictive than the prohibitions and restrictions that are otherwise

1 applicable to the entire practice of medicine.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for applicability of restrictions on the practice of telemedicine.

Present law provides that a physician who lawfully practices telemedicine in La. shall not be subject to any regulatory prohibition or restriction on the practice of telemedicine, including prohibitions or restrictions related to prescribing controlled dangerous substances, which are in any manner more restrictive than the prohibitions and restrictions that are otherwise applicable to the entire practice of medicine.

Proposed law stipulates that present law applies in all instances.

(Amends R.S. 37:1271.1(A)(3))