

SENATE BILL NO. 93

BY SENATOR POPE

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1223.3(3) and to enact R.S. 37:2457(11), relative to telehealth services provided by licensed hearing aid dealers; to provide for inclusion in the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act; to provide for powers and duties of the board; to provide minimum standards for the provision of telehealth services; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2457(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2457. Powers and duties of board

The powers and duties of the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers are as follows:

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**(11) To promulgate rules for the provision of telehealth services by licensed hearing aid dealers that, at a minimum, comply with the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act, R.S. 40:1223.1 et seq.**

Section 2. R.S. 40:1223.3(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1223.3. Definitions

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(3) "Healthcare provider" means a person, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporation, facility, or institution licensed or certified by this state to provide healthcare or professional services as a physician assistant, hospital, nursing home, dentist, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed dietitian or nutritionist, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse assistant, offshore health service provider, ambulance service, licensed midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, optometrist,

