

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Claitor to Engrossed House Bill No. 570 by Representative Schroder

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete Senate Committee Amendments No. 1 and No. 4 proposed by the Senate Committee  
3 on Health and Welfare and adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2016.

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" insert "R.S. 37:1271(B)(2)(b) and (4) and" and after "and  
6 to" delete "repeal R.S." and on line 3, delete "37:1271(B)(2)(b)(iii)" and insert "enact R.S.  
7 40:1223.5"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, between lines 8 and 9 insert the following:

10 "Section 1. R.S. 37:1271(B)(2)(b) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
11 follows:

12 §1271. License to practice medicine or telemedicine required

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14 B. \* \* \*

15 (2) Except as provided in R.S. 37:1276.1, all of the following shall apply to  
16 any physician practicing telemedicine as defined in this Part:

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18 (b) The physician practicing telemedicine shall not be required to conduct an  
19 in-person patient history or physical examination of the patient before engaging in  
20 a telemedicine encounter if the physician satisfies all of the following conditions:

21 (i) Holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in Louisiana.

22 (ii) Has access to the patient's medical records upon consent of the patient.

23 ~~(iii) Maintains a physical practice location within the state of Louisiana or~~  
24 ~~executes an affirmation with the board that the physician has an arrangement with~~  
25 ~~another physician who maintains a physical practice location in Louisiana to provide~~  
26 ~~for referrals and follow-up care which may be necessary.~~

27 (iii) Creates a medical record on each patient and makes such record available  
28 to the board upon request.

29 (iv) Provides a referral to a physician in this state or arranges for follow-up  
30 care in this state as may be indicated if necessary.

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32 (4) (a) A patient receiving telemedicine services may be in any location at the  
33 time that the telemedicine services are rendered. A physician practicing telemedicine  
34 may be in any location when providing telemedicine services to a patient.

35 (b) A physician practicing telemedicine may utilize interactive audio without  
36 the requirement of video if, after access and review of the patient's medical records,  
37 the physician determines that he is able to meet the same standard of care as if the  
38 healthcare services were provided in person.

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