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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Fred Mills to Reengrossed House Bill No. 449 by Representative Echols

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" insert "R.S. 28:53(B)(1) and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "telehealth;" insert "to provide for psychiatric mental health nurse  
5 practitioners;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

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

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

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B.(1) Any physician licensed or permitted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, physician assistant when acting in accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, other nurse practitioner who acts in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receives verbal approval for executing the certificate from his collaborating physician, or psychologist may execute an emergency certificate only after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness or be suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder who is determined to be in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility because the examining physician, physician assistant when acting in accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, other nurse practitioner who acts in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receives verbal approval for executing the certificate from his collaborating physician, or psychologist determines the person to be dangerous to self or others or to be gravely disabled. The actual examination of the person by a psychiatrist or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner may be conducted by telemedicine utilizing video conferencing technology provided that a licensed healthcare professional who can adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary information including but not limited to the information listed in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection shall be in the examination room with the patient at the time of the video conference. A patient examined in such a manner shall be medically cleared prior to admission to a mental health treatment facility. Failure to conduct an examination prior to the execution of the certificate will be evidence of gross negligence.

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33 AMENDMENT NO. 4

34 On page 1, line 9, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."