

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 93

BY SENATOR POPE

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to telehealth services provided by licensed hearing aid dealers. (8/1/21)

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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, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, certified or licensed athletic trainer, psychologist, medical psychologist, social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, **licensed hearing aid dealer**, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act which authorizes professional or occupational licensing boards to promulgate rules necessary to provide for, promote, and regulate the use of telehealth in the delivery of services and within the scope of practice of the individual health care providers under their jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and adds licensed hearing aid dealers to the definition of health care provider included in the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act.

Present law provides for powers and duties of the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers.

Proposed law retains present law and adds reference to the board's authority to promulgate rules for the provision of telehealth services in accordance with the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 40:1223.3(3); adds R.S. 37:2457(11))