

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 570

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to the practice of telemedicine

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1223.3(5) and 1223.4(A) and to repeal R.S.
3 37:1271(B)(2)(b)(iii), relative to the practice of telemedicine; to repeal the
4 requirement that a physician practicing telemedicine maintain an office within the
5 state; to provide with respect to communication between a telemedicine provider and
6 a patient; to provide with respect to the promulgation of rules and regulations; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1223.3(5) and 1223.4(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §1223.3. Definitions

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13 (5) "Synchronous interaction" means communication through interactive
14 technology that enables a healthcare provider and a patient at two locations separated
15 by distance to interact via two-way video ~~and or~~ audio transmissions simultaneously.

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17 §1223.4. Telehealth; rulemaking required

18 A. Each state agency or professional or occupational licensing board or
19 commission that regulates the practice of a healthcare provider, as defined in this
20 Part, may promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, any
21 rules necessary to provide for, promote, and regulate the use of telehealth in the
22 delivery of healthcare services within the scope of practice regulated by the licensing

