

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (864338) (with title amendment)

Between lines 3363 and 3364 insert:

Section 75. Section 456.60, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

456.60 Standards for telemedicine; rulemaking authority; requirements.—On or before March 31, 2014, the Board of Medicine shall adopt rules for physicians licensed under chapter 458 which allows the provision of health care services to patients via telemedicine by Florida-licensed health care practitioners.

(1) The rules for telemedicine services must include, but

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need not be limited to, the use of interactive audio, video, secure chat, secure email, electronic media, or telephone for the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, or exchange of medical education information by a health care provider to deliver health care services at a site other than the site of the patient's location.

- (2) The rules for telemedicine services must provide requirements for the following:
 - (a) Licensure for the provision of telemedicine services;
- (b) Standard of care requirements for health care practitioners practicing telemedicine which are the same standard of care requirements applicable to practitioners practicing in other care settings; and
- (c) Conducting patient evaluations and prescribing legend drugs, other than controlled substances, via telemedicine.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 328 and 329 insert:

> creating s. 456.60, F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to adopt rules for physicians which allow for the provision of health care services by telemedicine; providing criteria and requirements;