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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Jones, M. offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 222-241 and insert:

5 (2) The Telehealth Advisory Council is created within the
6 Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of making
7 recommendations based on the surveys and research findings
8 required by this section. The agency shall use existing and
9 available resources to administer and support the activities of
10 the council under this section.

11 (a) Members of the council shall serve without
12 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
13 or travel expenses. The council shall consist of 15 members, as
14 follows:

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15 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or
16 her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the council.

17 2. The State Surgeon General or his or his designee.

18 3. The following members appointed by the Secretary of
19 Health Care Administration:

20 a. Two representatives of health insurers that offer
21 coverage for telehealth services.

22 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent
23 health care facilities.

24 c. Two representatives of entities that create or sell
25 telehealth products.

26 d. One representative of an organization that represents
27 telehealth stakeholders.

28 e. Two representatives of long-term care services, one of
29 whom shall be a representative of a nursing home and one of whom
30 shall be a representative from a home health agency or
31 community-based health services program.

32 4. The following members appointed by the State Surgeon
33 General:

34 a. Two health care practitioners, each of whom practices
35 in a different area of medicine.

36 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent
37 health care practitioners.

38 (b) The council shall review the surveys and research
39 findings required by this section and make recommendations to
40 increase the use and accessibility of services provided via

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41 telehealth, including the identification of any barriers to
42 implementing or accessing services provided via telehealth, in a
43 report that shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of
44 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on
45 or before December 1, 2018.

46 (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
47 compile the surveys and research findings required by this
48 section and submit a report of such findings to the Governor,
49 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
50 Representatives on or before June 30, 2018.

51 (4) The Department of Health shall survey all health care
52 practitioners, as defined under s. 456.001, Florida Statutes,
53 upon and as a condition of licensure renewal to compile the
54 information required pursuant to this section. The Department of
55 Health and the Office of Insurance Regulation shall submit their
56 survey and research findings to the agency and shall assist the
57 agency in compiling the information to prepare the report.

58 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration, the
59 Department of Health, and the Office of Insurance Regulation may
60 assess fines under ss. 408.813(2)(d), 456.072(2)(d), and
61 624.310(5), Florida Statutes, respectively, against a health
62 care facility, health maintenance organization, health care
63 practitioner, and health insurer for failure to complete the
64 surveys required under this section.

65 (6) This section expires January 1, 2019.
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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove line 20 and insert:

Regulation to collect certain information; creating
the Telehealth Advisory Council within the agency for
specified purposes; specifying council membership;
providing for council membership requirements;
requiring the council to review certain findings and
make recommendations in a report to the Governor and
the Legislature by a specified date; requiring

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