By Senator Brodeur

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1                      A bill to be entitled
2          An act relating to telehealth; amending s. 456.47,
3          F.S.; revising the definition of the term
4          "telehealth"; revising an exemption from telehealth
5          registration requirements; providing an effective
6          date.
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8    Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10         Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
11   (6) of section 456.47, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
12         456.47 Use of telehealth to provide services.—
13         (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
14         (a) "Telehealth" means the use of synchronous or
15   asynchronous telecommunications technology by a telehealth
16   provider to provide health care services, including, but not
17   limited to, assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, and
18   monitoring of a patient; transfer of medical data; patient and
19   professional health-related education; public health services;
20   and health administration. The term does not include audio-only
21   telephone calls, e-mail messages, or facsimile transmissions.
22         (6) EXEMPTIONS.—A health care professional who is not
23   licensed to provide health care services in this state but who
24   holds an active license to provide health care services in
25   another state or jurisdiction, and who provides health care
26   services using telehealth to a patient located in this state, is
27   not subject to the registration requirement under this section
28   if the services are provided:
29         (a) In response to an emergency medical condition as
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30 defined in s. 395.002; or

31 (b) In consultation with a health care professional

32 licensed in this state ~~who has ultimate authority over the~~

33 ~~diagnosis and care of the patient~~.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.