THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, GORDNER, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, PITTMAN AND J. WARD, OCTOBER 26, 2021

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OCTOBER 26, 2021

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for telemedicine prohibited
- for medication safety program.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:
- 8 CHAPTER 52C
- 9 <u>TELEMEDICINE PROHIBITED FOR MEDICATION SAFETY PROGRAM</u>
- 10 <u>Sec.</u>
- 11 <u>52C01</u>. <u>Definitions</u>.
- 12 <u>52C02</u>. Prohibition.
- 13 § 52C01. Definitions.
- 14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 16 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 17 "Health care professional." An individual licensed,
- 18 certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by the laws of

- 1 this Commonwealth to administer health care in the ordinary
- 2 course of business or in the practice of a profession and who
- 3 administers health care in this Commonwealth.
- 4 "Risk evaluation and mitigation strategy." The medication
- 5 safety program administered by the United States Food and Drug
- 6 Administration under section 505-1 of the Food and Drug
- 7 Administration Amendments Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 926, 21 U.S.C.
- 8 § 355-1).
- 9 <u>"Telemedicine."</u> The use of telecommunication and information
- 10 technology by a health care professional to provide health care
- 11 to an individual in a different location from the health care
- 12 professional.
- 13 § 52C02. Prohibition.
- 14 A health care professional may not use telemedicine to
- 15 administer or communicate with a patient located in this
- 16 Commonwealth regarding a medication for which the United States
- 17 Food and Drug Administration has issued a risk evaluation and
- 18 mitigation strategy.
- 19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.