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Senate Bill 44 Sectional Analysis (vsn U) **Telehealth: Physician Assistants; Drugs**

Section 1:

Amends AS 08.64.101(a)(6) by requiring the board to adopt regulations for a physician assistant practicing telehealth under AS 08.64.364, and that the regulations must use a recognized national model for standards of telehealth care.

Section 2:

Amends AS 08.64.364(a) by saying that disciplinary action cannot be directed toward a physician assistant for prescribing drugs via telehealth if the drugs are not controlled substances, if follow up care can be provided from its medical group, and if consent has been given by the patient for care and sharing of records to the primary care provider.

Section 3:

Amends AS 08.64.364(b) by saying that a physician assistant may administer botulinum toxin (Botox) if they meet all the requirements set out in 08.64.364 and is supervised by an appropriate licensed health care provider.

Section 4:

Amends AS 08.64.364(c) by renumbering and adds that a physician or physician assistant may not prescribe, dispense or administer a prescription drug via an Internet questionnaire or email message without having a prior patient/doctor relationship.