

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Section Analysis - CS SSSB 80(L&C) Differences Between CS and SSSB 80

Sec. 1 – Adds a new section in the Medical Practice Act (AS 08.64) establishing the practice of telemedicine. **Remains unchanged.**

Sec. 2 – Clarifies how prescription of drugs without a physical examination is to occur by setting three requirements: 1) the prescription drug is not to be a controlled substance, 2) the physician is located in the state and able to provide follow-up care, and 3) the person consents to sending a copy of records of the encounter to their primary care provider if the prescribing physician is not their primary care provider and the physician sends the records to the primary care provider. **[Deletes SSSB80 license for out of state physician or podiatrist to practice telemedicine]**

Sec. 3 - Creates a definition for the practice of telemedicine by adding a new paragraph to the Medical Practice Act's definition section AS 08.64.380. **[Deletes SSSB80 language pertaining to personal interview requirements for physician licensure for out-of-state telemedicine license]**

Sec. 4 – Adds a new section to the state insurance code (AS 21.54) and provides that an insurance company that offers a health care insurance plan that provides coverage for telemedicine may not require that prior in person contact occur between doctor and patient before payment is made for covered services. **[Deletes SSSB80 language amending the license fee statute (AS 08.64.315) to add an out-of-state license fee]**

Sec. 5 - Provides an effective date for applicability of new section AS 21.54.102 dealing with health care insurance plans.