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Explanation of Changes
SENATE CS for CS for HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN)
Version 32-LS0754\E to 32-LS0754\R

Section 1

Page 2, lines 1-14

Adds language to include a second scenario were a physician licensed in another state may provide care to a patient in Alaska via telehealth.

To provide care via telehealth under this section the care must be regarding a life-threatening diagnosis, the patient must be referred to the out-of-state provider by a physician licensed in state, and the telehealth visit must involve care directly related to the life-threatening diagnosis.

Page 2, line 30 and Page 3, line 4

Technical fix. Removed reference to specific state statute, this now requires providers comply with all state laws.

Page 3, line 6-7

Technical fix. Replaces “person” with “healthcare provider”

Page 4, lines 3-5

Adds new subsection (3) to define “life-threatening condition”

Section 2

Page 4, lines 12-20

Technical fix. Amends subsection (a) (1-3) to correct grammar and ensure grounds to sanction a physician include situation (e.g., having a license revoked) not just acts committed by a physician. This change better aligns enforcement provisions to existing state statute.

Page 5, line 29

Amends section (f) to require the State Medical Board to recover costs of investigations for sanctioned exempted physicians.

Section 3

Page 6, line 12

Amends AS 08.64.364(b) to remove an outdated reference to botulinum toxin.

New Section 4

Page 6, line 19 – Page 7, line 9

Adds a new section and amends AS 08.64.370(2) to conform with Section 1 and to clarify that exemptions to the State Medical Board apply to physicians or osteopaths licensed in another state, not nonresidents.

New Section 9 & 10

Page 12, line 21 – Page 14, line 21

Adds two new sections to repeal language regarding Medicaid payment parity.

New Section 13

Page 16, lines 10-23

Amends uncodified law to provide for a conditional effective date for section 9 and 10. The effective date on section 9 and 10 only take effect if the United States Department of Health and Social Services approve amendments to the state plan for medical assistance or determine that an update is unnecessary.

New Section 14

Page 16, lines 24-25

Adds a new section and provides a conditional effective date of June 30, 2030, if Sections 9 and 10 take effect under Section 13.

New Section 15

Page 16, lines 26-27

Except as provide in Section 14, provides an immediate effective date.