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## HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1258

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

**Chapter 14. Indiana Telehealth Services Pilot Program**

**Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "telehealth services" means the use of telecommunications and information technology to provide access to health assessment, diagnosis, intervention, consultation, treatment, supervision, and information across a distance.

**Sec. 2. (a)** Before August 1, 2014, the board shall establish a pilot program to provide telehealth services to patients in Indiana without the establishment of an in person patient-physician relationship.

**(b)** The pilot program must include the following:

**(1)** Requirement that the services be provided by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who has an established physical practice in Indiana.

**(2)** Standards and procedures determined by the board for physicians to practice in providing services in the pilot program, including the following:

**(A)** The documentation and storage of a patient's medical records.



**(B) Secure technology that complies with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.**

**(3) A requirement that the pilot program include the issuance of a prescription when medically necessary. However, the pilot program may not include the issuance of a prescription for a controlled substance.**

**(4) The types of services that may be provided under the pilot program, including a prohibition on the provision of emergency care.**

**(5) The geographic area that will be served under the pilot program.**

**(6) The duration of the pilot program.**

**(c) The board may continue the operation of a program after the expiration of the pilot program as determined under subsection (b)(6) until:**

**(1) the board changes administrative rules to allow a practitioner to prescribe for a patient without seeing the patient in person;**

**(2) the general assembly takes action to terminate the program; or**

**(3) the expiration of this chapter.**

**Sec. 3. Before the earlier of six (6) months after the completion of the pilot program, or February 1, 2015, the board shall report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 concerning the outcomes of the pilot program, including the following:**

**(1) The number of patients served.**

**(2) The number of prescriptions issued.**

**(3) The number of in-person follow up care required.**

**(4) Overall physician and patient satisfaction.**

**Sec. 4. This chapter expires July 1, 2016.**

**SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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