

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0164

Professional licensing boards-telemedicine/telehealth.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow and Clem and
Senator(s) Barnard

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; allowing
2 licensure boards to promulgate rules related to
3 telemedicine/telehealth as specified; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-117(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (ix) and 33-1-303(a) by creating a new paragraph
10 (iv) are amended to read:

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12 **9-2-117. Office of rural health created; duties.**

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14 (a) The office of rural health is created within the
15 department of health. The office shall:

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33-1-303. Powers of licensure boards.

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(ix) As required by W.S. 33-1-303(a)(iv) and in collaboration with the state health officer and the state chief information officer or their designees, collaborate with professional and occupational licensure boards concerning the promulgation of rules and definitions related to the practice of telemedicine/telehealth and the use of telemedicine/telehealth technologies.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, a board authorized to establish examination, inspection, permit or license fees for any profession or occupation regulated under this title or under W.S. 11-25-105, 21-2-802 or 23-2-414 may:

(iv) Adopt rules and regulations allowing the practice of telemedicine/telehealth and the use of telemedicine/telehealth technologies within an applicable profession or occupation consistent with the profession's or occupation's duties and obligations. For purposes of this paragraph, telemedicine/telehealth shall be defined

1 within each promulgated rule in a manner applicable to the
2 individual profession or occupation and in a manner which
3 facilitates the development and promotion of uniform,
4 system wide standards for the practice of
5 telemedicine/telehealth and the use of
6 telemedicine/telehealth technologies. Any board
7 promulgating rules under this paragraph shall first confer
8 with the office of rural health for the purpose of
9 promoting the goals established by W.S. 9-2-117(a)(vi)
10 through (viii).

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

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