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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 703

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP" AND "TELEMEDICINE" WITHIN THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO ALLOW TELEHEALTH CERTIFICATION FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-402(4)(E), concerning the definition of "professional relationship" in the Telemedicine Act, is amended to read as follows:

(E)(i) A relationship exists in other circumstances as defined by rule of the Arkansas State Medical Board for healthcare professionals under its jurisdiction and their patients.

(ii) A relationship established under rules of the Arkansas State Medical Board may be utilized for telehealth certification; or

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-80-402(7), concerning the definition of "telemedicine" in the Telemedicine Act, is amended to read as follows:



(7)(A) "Telemedicine" means the use of electronic information and communication technology to deliver healthcare services, including without limitation the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a patient.

(B) "Telemedicine" includes store-and-forward technology and remote patient monitoring.

(C) "Telemedicine" does not include the use of audio-only electronic technology by a physician to renew a written certification that was previously issued to the same patient; or

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-80-402, concerning the definitions within the Telemedicine Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(8) "Telehealth certification" means the electronic assessment of a patient by a practitioner in connection with an application for a registry identification card under § 5 of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016".

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