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L.D. 662

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 443, L.D. 662, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Health Care through Telemedicine"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "medical" and inserting the following: 'consultative'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "medical" and inserting the following: 'consultative'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3300-D by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting the following:

**3. Registration.** The board may register a physician to practice medicine in this State through interstate telemedicine if the following conditions are met:

A. The physician is fully licensed without restriction to practice medicine in the state from which the physician provides telemedicine services;

B. The physician has not had a license to practice medicine revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;

C. The physician does not open an office in this State, does not meet with patients in this State, does not receive calls in this State from patients and agrees to provide only consultative services as requested by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant licensed in this State and the physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant licensed in this State retains ultimate authority over the diagnosis, care and treatment of the patient;

D. The physician registers with the board every 2 years, on a form provided by the board; and

E. The physician pays a registration fee not to exceed \$500.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3300-D by striking out all of subsection 6.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3300-D by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment retains most provisions of the bill and does the following.

1. It allows the Board of Licensure in Medicine to register a physician not licensed to practice in the State to provide consultative services through interstate telemedicine.
2. As in the bill, it requires that the physician to be registered must be fully licensed without restriction to practice medicine in the state from which the physician provides telemedicine services.
3. It specifies that the physician to be registered may provide only consultative services and that a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant in this State must retain ultimate authority over the diagnosis, care and treatment of the patient.
4. It requires that the physician to be registered register with the board every 2 years, instead of annually as in the bill, and pay a registration fee not to exceed \$500.
5. It removes the provision in the bill exempting certain physicians from the registration requirement.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)



Approved: 05/18/15 *MJC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 662

LR 1299(02)

An Act To Increase Access to Health Care through Telemedicine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-194)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds  
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### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Although the fiscal impact to the Board of Licensure in Medicine due to the new registration pool cannot be determined at this time, it is assumed that registration fees established by the board will be sufficient to cover the additional expenses of the board.