Senate Bill 629

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Allows pharmacist to use telepharmacy to deliver pharmacy services to patient at remote location. Defines “telepharmacy.”

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to telepharmacy; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 689.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “telepharmacy” means the delivery of pharmacy services by a pharmacist, through the use of a variety of electronic and telecommunications technologies, to a patient at a remote location staffed by a pharmacy technician.

(2) The pharmacy services for which a pharmacist may use telepharmacy include the supervision of the dispensation of prescription drugs to a patient.

(3) The remote location at which a patient receives pharmacy services through the use of telepharmacy must be affiliated with the pharmacy where the pharmacist providing the pharmacy services through telepharmacy regularly engages in the practice of pharmacy.

(4) The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to carry out this section. The rules adopted under this section must include rules:

(a) Regarding remote supervision of a pharmacy technician in order to facilitate the use of telepharmacy; and

(b) Describing the pharmacy services that a pharmacist may provide through telepharmacy.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2022.

(2) The State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.