

Senate Bill 629

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Pre-session 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

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2 Relating to telepharmacy; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **(b) Describing the pharmacy services that a pharmacist may provide through telephar-**
18 **macy.**

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

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

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

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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.