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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 50, L.D. 791, “An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in response to COVID-19, the Governor has declared a state of civil emergency and, pursuant to that proclamation, the Governor has issued an executive order authorizing licensed health care providers to provide telehealth services until the end of the state of civil emergency; and

Whereas, this legislation permits licensed health care providers to provide telehealth services on an ongoing basis as long as they act within the scope of practice of their licenses in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by law and in accordance with standards of practice; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the licensing boards for these health care providers to adopt rules to establish standards of practice and restrictions for telehealth services; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect as soon as possible so that the rules can be adopted in an expedient manner; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Amend the amendment by adding after Part B the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

SPONSORED BY: _____

(Senator SANBORN, H.)

COUNTY: Cumberland