

# TexLa TRC Apr. 2020 Legislative Update

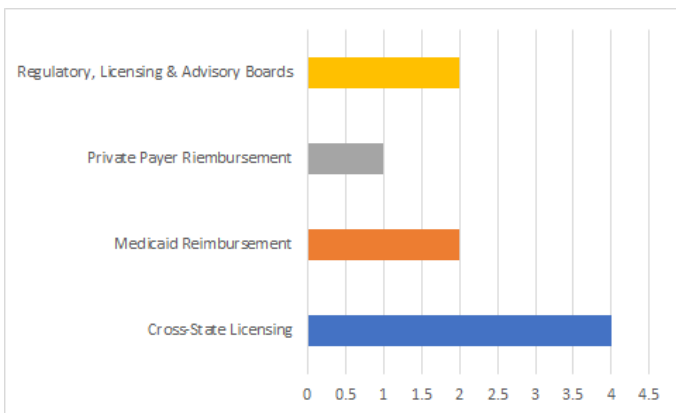
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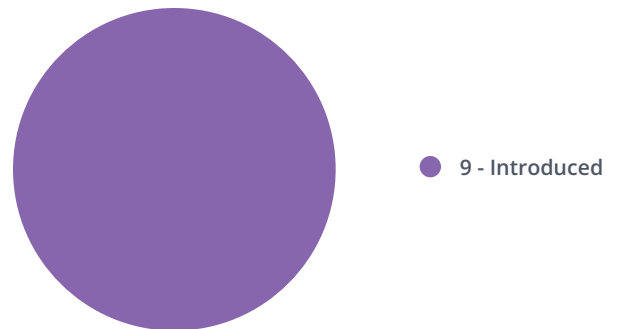
A few notes about this report:

1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

## Bills by Topic



## Bills by Status



## All Bills (by topic)

### Cross-State Licensing (4)

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action  | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|--|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 622</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Commerce 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
LICENSING: Provides relative to universal occupational or professional licensing recognition

**Bill Summary:** Recognizes universal occupational or professional licensing recognition.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Julie Emerson

| State | Bill Number           | Last Action   | Status    |
|-------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">SB 46</a> | Introduced In The Senate Read By Title Rules<br>Suspended Read Second Time And Referred To<br>The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020<br>03 09 | In Senate |

**Title**  
HEALTH SERVICES: Provides for the Recognition of Emergency  
Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact  
(REPLICA). (gov sig)

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Emergency Medical Services Personnel  
Licensure Compact.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Barrow Peacock

| State | Bill Number           | Last Action  | Status    |
|-------|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">SB 98</a> | Introduced In The Senate Read By Title Rules<br>Suspended Read Second Time And Referred To<br>The Committee On Commerce Consumer<br>Protection And International Affairs 2020 03<br>09 | In Senate |

**Title**  
SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides for the Audiology and Speech-  
Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). (gov sig)

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology  
Interstate Compact.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Barrow Peacock

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action   | Status    |
|-------|------------------------|---|-----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">SB 464</a> | Introduced In The Senate Read By Title And<br>Placed On The Calendar For A Second Reading<br>2020 03 31 | In Senate |

**Title**  
HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to the practice of medicine. (2/3 -  
CA7s2.1(A)) (8/1/20)

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in  
Louisiana.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Barrow Peacock

## Medicaid Reimbursement (2)

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action   | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|---|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 553</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The<br>Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to remote patient  
monitoring

**Bill Summary:** Provides for remote patient monitoring, establishes  
patient qualifications, establishes monitoring equipment and network  
requirements, requires Medicaid coverage for RPM.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Raymond Crews

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action  | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|--|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 589</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services

**Bill Summary:**  
Provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Michael Echols

### Private Payer Reimbursement (1)

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action   | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|---|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 589</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Insurance 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for coverage of healthcare services provided through telehealth or telemedicine

**Bill Summary:** Requires coverage of telehealth or telemedicine delivered services by a preferred or contracted healthcare provider. Also requires coverage of store-and-forward.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Michael Echols

### Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (2)

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action  | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|--|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 449</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to behavioral health services delivered via telehealth

**Bill Summary:** Amends the definition of telehealth to include behavioral health services. Provides rules and regulations addressing the delivery of behavioral health services through telehealth.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Michael Echols

| State | Bill Number            | Last Action  | Status   |
|-------|------------------------|--|----------|
| LA    | <a href="#">HB 460</a> | Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09 | In House |

**Title**  
DENTISTRY: Provides relative to direct to consumer laboratory services for patients

**Bill Summary:** Defines direct to consumer dental laboratory services as the use of asynchronous store and forward transfer and sets standards around establishing a dentist-patient relationship.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Chris Turner

# TexLa TRC Apr. 2020 Regulatory Update

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Total State Regs Exported : 4

| #   | State | Ref #  | Status     | Type    | Intro Date   | Document Count |
|---|-------|--|------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 1   | TX    | 22 TAC 322.5   | Final Rule | Regular | Nov 29, 2019 | 2              |
| <b>Issues</b> Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards |       |  |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Labels</b>   |       |  |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Title</b>  |       | <a href="#">22 TAC 322.5   TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS   PART 16. TEXAS BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS   CHAPTER 322. PRACTICE</a> |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Agency</b>   |       | TEXAS BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS (TX)   |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Description</b>                                    |       |  |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Regulation Summary</b>                             |       | Allows for the use of telehealth, including store-and-forward in physical therapy.   |            |         |              |                |

| #   | State | Ref #   | Status     | Type    | Intro Date   | Document Count |
|---|-------|---|------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 2   | TX    | 22 TAC 573.68   | Final Rule | Regular | Aug 16, 2019 | 2              |
| <b>Issues</b> Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards |       |   |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Labels</b>   |       |   |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Title</b>  |       | <a href="#">22 TAC 573.68   TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS   PART 24. TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS   CHAPTER 573. RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT   SUBCHAPTER G. OTHER PROVISIONS</a> |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Agency</b>   |       | TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS (TX)  |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Description</b>                                    |       |   |            |         |              |                |
| <b>Regulation Summary</b>                             |       | Establishes telemedicine practice standards for a person providing veterinarian telemedicine.   |            |         |              |                |

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|----------------------------------|-------|---|---------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 3                                | LA    |   | Proposed Rule | Regular | Apr 20, 2019 | 1              |
| <b>Issues</b> Online Prescribing |       |   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Labels</b>                    |       |   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Title</b>                     |       | <a href="#">Physician Practice: Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering From a Debilitating Medical Condition</a>   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Agency</b>                    |       | Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners (LA)  |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Description</b>               |       |   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Regulation Summary</b>        |       | Permits consultations for the recommendation of therapeutic marijuana for patients with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder to be conducted in-person, via telephone, via telemedicine, or via email. |               |         |              |                |

| #                         | State | Ref #  | Status        | Type    | Intro Date   | Document Count |
|---------------------------|-------|--|---------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 4                         | LA    |  | Proposed Rule | Regular | Apr 20, 2019 | 1              |
| <b>Issues</b> Other       |       |  |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Labels</b>             |       |  |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Title</b>              |       | <a href="#">Physician Practice: Telemedicine</a>   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Agency</b>             |       | Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Medical Examiners (LA)   |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Description</b>        |       |  |               |         |              |                |
| <b>Regulation Summary</b> |       | Notifies intent to remove the words "in this state" for consistency with the law and so that the rule does not inadvertently prevent physicians from prescribing medication or other health care services to their patients who may be vacationing in or temporarily outside of Louisiana. |               |         |              |                |