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HOUSE BILL **556**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the resolution of barriers to the use of telehealth technology in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. Rosenwald, Hills 30;
Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. J. Tilton, Merr 3; Rep. Butynski, Ches 1; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the resolution of barriers to the use of telehealth technology in New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

112:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the resolution of 1 $\mathbf{2}$ barriers, including identifying and attempting to resolve such barriers, to the use of telehealth 3 technology in New Hampshire. 112:2 Membership and Compensation. 4 $\mathbf{5}$ I. The members of the committee shall be as follows: (a) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house 6 7 of representatives. 8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. 9 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to 10 the duties of the committee. 112:3 Duties. The committee shall study the resolution of barriers, including identifying and 11 12attempting to resolve such barriers, to the use of telehealth technology in New Hampshire. The 13committee's study shall include, but not be limited to: I. Patients' lack of high speed Internet service necessary for videoconferencing. 1415II. Cumbersome licensing regulations for health care professionals. 16III. Inconsistent reimbursement policies. 17IV. Any other matter the committee deems relevant to its study. 18 112:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named 1920house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date 21of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. 22112:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed 23legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house 24clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013. 25112:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage. 26Approved: June 25, 2013 27Effective Date: June 25, 2013