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HOUSE BILL 14-1290

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN ADDITION TO THE DEFINITION OF "OTHER OUTLET"**
102 **TO ENABLE THE OPERATION OF A REMOTELY LOCATED**
103 **TELEPHARMACY OUTLET.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill adds to the definition of "other outlet" under the statutes governing the practice of pharmacy a telepharmacy outlet located more than 20 miles from the nearest pharmacy. A prescribing practitioner cannot own a telepharmacy, and the state board of pharmacy is authorized

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 14, 2014

to impose additional telepharmacy ownership restrictions by rule.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-102, **amend**
3 (39); and **add** (25) (c) and (40.5) as follows:

4 **12-42.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the
5 context otherwise requires or the term is otherwise defined in another part
6 of this article:

7 (25) "Other outlet" means:

8 (c) A TELEPHARMACY OUTLET.

9 (39) "Supervision" means that a licensed pharmacist is on the
10 location and readily available to consult with and assist unlicensed
11 personnel performing tasks described in paragraph (b) of subsection (31)
12 of this section. IF THE UNLICENSED PERSON IS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
13 LOCATED AT A REGISTERED TELEPHARMACY OUTLET, THE LICENSED
14 PHARMACIST NEED NOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE TELEPHARMACY
15 OUTLET AS LONG AS THE LICENSED PHARMACIST IS CONNECTED TO THE
16 TELEPHARMACY OUTLET VIA COMPUTER LINK, VIDEOLINK, AND
17 AUDIOLINK, OR VIA OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT OF
18 EQUIVALENT FUNCTIONALITY, AND IS READILY AVAILABLE TO CONSULT
19 WITH AND ASSIST THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN IN PERFORMING TASKS
20 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (31) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (40.5) (a) "TELEPHARMACY OUTLET" MEANS A REMOTE PHARMACY
22 SITE THAT:

23 (I) IS REGISTERED AS AN OTHER OUTLET UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

24 (II) AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, IS LOCATED MORE THAN
25 TWENTY MILES FROM THE NEAREST PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET AND

1 FROM ANY OTHER TELEPHARMACY OUTLET REGISTERED UNDER THIS
2 ARTICLE;

3 (III) IS CONNECTED VIA COMPUTER LINK, VIDEOLINK, AND
4 AUDIOLINK WITH A CENTRAL PHARMACY THAT IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS
5 ARTICLE; AND

6 (IV) HAS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN ON SITE WHO, UNDER THE
7 REMOTE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHARMACIST LOCATED AT THE
8 CENTRAL PHARMACY, PERFORMS THE TASKS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b)
9 OF SUBSECTION (31) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (b) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO SPECIFY
11 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR A TELEPHARMACY OUTLET THAT THE BOARD
12 DEEMS NECESSARY.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
16 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.