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**SENATE BILL 06-004**

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**Senate Committees**

Judiciary  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

Judiciary

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 5, 2006

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
102 **REGARDING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE**  
103 **INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE.**

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HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
May 4, 2006

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

**Health Care Task Force.** Requires the department of corrections to study and report on the state's options for providing medical services to state inmates in correctional facilities through the use of telemedicine. Requires the report to be presented to the health and human services committees of the house of representatives and the senate on or before February 1, 2007. Specifies, at a minimum, what the report shall include.

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 19, 2006

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 18, 2006

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2           **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 1 of title 17, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
4 read:

5           **17-1-113.3. Telemedicine - study - report - repeal.** (1) FOR  
6 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEMEDICINE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME  
7 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-36-106 (1) (g), C.R.S.

8           (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STUDY THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR  
9 PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL  
10 FACILITIES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE. ON OR BEFORE  
11 FEBRUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND  
12 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
13 THE SENATE REGARDING THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL  
14 SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGH THE  
15 USE OF TELEMEDICINE. THE REPORT SHALL ADDRESS, AT A MINIMUM:

16           (a) A PROPOSED LISTING OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES TO BE PROVIDED  
17 THROUGH TELEMEDICINE TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES,  
18 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ORTHOPAEDICS, DERMATOLOGY,  
19 ENDOCRINOLOGY, GENERAL SURGERY, AND RHEUMATOLOGY, AND AN  
20 IDENTIFICATION OF WHICH MEDICAL SPECIALTIES ARE DRIVEN BY CLINICAL  
21 PROTOCOLS;

22           (b) THE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
23 PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE  
24 OF TELEMEDICINE;

25           (c) THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE  
26 DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES

1 THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF  
2 MEETING THOSE NEEDS;

3 (d) THE ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING  
4 MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF  
5 TELEMEDICINE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER OTHER STATES'  
6 EXPERIENCES WHEN CALCULATING THE COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH  
7 TELEMEDICINE.

8 (e) THE ESTIMATED IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMIES IF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE TO PROVIDE  
10 MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES.

11 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007.

12 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
13 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
14 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
15 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state  
16 constitution (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,  
17 2006); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an  
18 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
19 section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of  
20 the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the  
21 governor.