



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 179

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

By Representatives Boyd, Freeman, Smith, Whitson, Hardaway, Hazlewood, Lamar,
Camper, Beck, Terry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1265

By Senators Reeves, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means:

(A) An individual acting within the scope of a valid license issued pursuant to this title;

(B) A state-contracted crisis service provider that is employed by a facility licensed under title 33;

(C) An alcohol and drug abuse counselor licensed under title 68, chapter 24, part 6; or

(D) A graduate who has completed, or a student actively enrolled in, a professional training program the educational standards of which meet the training requirements for a license under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, as long as the graduate or student:

(i) Is providing telehealth services for the purpose of obtaining hours required for licensure or of otherwise fulfilling the educational requirements to apply for licensure; and

(ii) Is, at all times, supervised by an individual who is licensed under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, with an unencumbered license;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(g)(1), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subdivision immediately preceding the period:

or be a graduate or student meeting the requirements of subdivision (a)(1)(D)

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(h)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), for the purposes of this section "healthcare provider" means:

(A) A provider licensed under this title;

(B) A state-contracted crisis service provider that is employed by a facility licensed under title 33;

(C) An alcohol and drug abuse counselor licensed under title 68, chapter 24, part 6; or

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(D) A graduate who has completed, or a student actively enrolled in, a professional training program the educational standards of which meet the training requirements for a license under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, as long as the graduate or student:

(i) Is providing telehealth services for the purpose of obtaining hours required for licensure or of otherwise fulfilling the educational requirements to apply for licensure; and

(ii) Is, at all times, supervised by an individual who is licensed under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, with an unencumbered license.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 1, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of April 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR