

**No. 40. An act relating to telemedicine services delivered outside a health care facility.**

(S.88)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. TELEMEDICINE PILOT PROJECTS

Notwithstanding 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 14, the Department of Vermont Health Access and the Green Mountain Care Board shall consider implementation of one or more pilot projects using telemedicine in order to expand access to health care services in a cost-efficient manner as part of payment and delivery system reform. In designing pilot projects, the Department and Board shall consider the appropriate scope of services that should be provided through telemedicine outside of a health care facility, the potential costs and changes in access to those services relative to current service delivery, the possibility of equipping home health agency nurses with the tools needed to provide telemedicine services during home health visits, and safeguards to ensure quality of care, patient confidentiality, and information security needed for the pilot projects.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

Date the Governor signed the bill: May 20, 2013