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Act No. 4 (H. 411). An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility

Subjects: Health; health care providers; COVID-19; regulatory flexibility

This act extends through March 31, 2024, certain COVID-19-related health care regulatory flexibility provisions originally enacted in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 91 and previously extended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 140, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 6, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 85, and other acts. The act also extends for an additional year, through March 31, 2024, provisions allowing for variations from the usual statutory witnessing requirements for advance directives executed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The act removes the June 30, 2023, end date for the temporary telehealth registration law, which means that the temporary telehealth registration option will continue to be available to out-of-state health care professionals until the permanent, statutory telehealth licensure and registration system established by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 107 is operational. The act also requires the Board of Medical Practice to report to legislative committees by January 15, 2024, on options for streamlining and modernizing Vermont's physician licensure process.

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