



Comments to the Committee on House Health and Human Services

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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

We again thank you for allowing us to speak today. I have been working for several weeks with the revisor and interested parties to come up with language everyone is comfortable with. Over the past week a few items have been requested of us and we are happy to accommodate those requested changes.

The Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Healing Arts questioned two phrases of the bill that referred to dispensing prescription drugs. See page 2 line 18 and line 25. It was never our intent that prescription drugs would physically be dispensed by a telemedicine service. So we agree and propose to delete those "dispensing" prescription drugs phrases.

A group of specialist physicians who practice telemedicine requested we add language allowing an exception to the "consent" requirement in an emergency situation. We agree and propose to add the following language on page 1 line 36 after "correctional facility"

" , or to a physician treating a patient with an emergency medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that the absence of immediate medical attention will result in serious jeopardy to patient health, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of a body organ or part.

We are happy to continue to work with interested parties on this legislation should anyone have any additional concerns, however we do believe we have tried to keep this as concise and clear as possible and would like to continue to do so.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and suggested amendments to HB 2254 and ask that you recommend the bill favorably. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have at the appropriate time.