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To: Senate Bill No. 202

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
TELEMEDICINE SERVICES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
4 section, "telemedicine" means the use of interactive audio, interactive
5 video or interactive data communication in the delivery of medical
6 advice, diagnosis, care or treatment, and includes the types of services
7 described in subsection (d) of section 20-9 of the general statutes.
8 "Telemedicine" does not include the use of facsimile or audio-only
9 telephone.

10 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
11 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
12 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,

13 amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for medical
14 advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine, to
15 the extent coverage is provided for such advice, diagnosis, care or
16 treatment when provided through in-person consultation between the
17 insured and a health care provider and provided the use of
18 telemedicine shall be limited to situations where there is a lack of
19 healthcare providers within reasonable travel time and distance of the
20 insured or the insured is unable to travel to a healthcare provider's
21 office without undue burden. Such coverage shall be subject to the
22 same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such
23 policy. No such policy shall require the use of telemedicine in lieu of
24 in-person consultation.

25 (c) No health care provider shall provide medical advice, diagnosis,
26 care or treatment to an insured or a patient through telemedicine
27 without the prior consent of such insured or patient.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this section,
29 "telemedicine" means the use of interactive audio, interactive video or
30 interactive data communication in the delivery of medical advice,
31 diagnosis, care or treatment, and includes the types of services
32 described in subsection (d) of section 20-9 of the general statutes.
33 "Telemedicine" does not include the use of facsimile or audio-only
34 telephone.

35 (b) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
36 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
37 469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,
38 amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for medical
39 advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine to
40 the extent coverage is provided for such advice, diagnosis, care or
41 treatment when provided through in-person consultation between the
42 insured and a health care provider and provided the use of
43 telemedicine shall be limited to situations where there is a lack of
44 healthcare providers within reasonable travel time and distance of the
45 insured or the insured is unable to travel to a healthcare provider's

46 office without undue burden. Such coverage shall be subject to the
47 same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such
48 policy. No such policy shall require the use of telemedicine in lieu of
49 in-person consultation.

50 (c) No health care provider shall provide medical advice, diagnosis,
51 care or treatment to an insured or a patient through telemedicine
52 without the prior consent of such insured or patient."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	New section