By:  Miller H.B. No. 4455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Chapter 111, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 111.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.0015.  PATIENT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF STATE. Notwithstanding any other law, a health care professional may provide a mental health service that is within the scope of the professional's license through the use of a telemedicine medical service or a telehealth service to a patient who is located outside of this state, subject to applicable laws and regulations of the patient's jurisdiction.

SECTION 2.  Section 111.008, Occupations Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.