

1-1 By: Miller (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.B. No. 4455  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
 1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the provision of mental health services through a  
 1-20 telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Occupations Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Chapter 113 to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 113. MENTAL HEALTH TELEMEDICINE AND TELEHEALTH SERVICES

1-25 Sec. 113.001. DEFINITIONS. The definitions provided by  
 1-26 Section 111.001 apply to this chapter.

1-27 Sec. 113.002. PATIENT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF STATE.  
 1-28 Notwithstanding any other law, a health professional may provide a  
 1-29 mental health service that is within the scope of the  
 1-30 professional's license, certification, or authorization through  
 1-31 the use of a telemedicine medical service or a telehealth service to  
 1-32 a patient who is located outside of this state, subject to any  
 1-33 applicable regulation of the jurisdiction in which the patient is  
 1-34 located.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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