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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to conducting certain medical examinations using telemedicine under the workers' compensation system.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 408.0041, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  A medical examination conducted under this section to determine an employee's impairment rating or attainment of maximum medical improvement may be performed using telehealth services or telemedicine medical services, as defined by Section 111.001, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2.  Section 408.0041(a-1), Labor Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a medical examination to determine an employee's impairment rating or attainment of maximum medical improvement conducted on or after the effective date of this Act. A medical examination to determine an employee's impairment rating or attainment of maximum medical improvement conducted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the examination was conducted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.