

CHAPTER 313

CORRECTIONS

SENATE BILL 06-004

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AN ACT

**CONCERNING A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF
MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 1 of title 17, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

17-1-113.3. Telemedicine - study - report - repeal. (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEMEDICINE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-36-106 (1) (g), C.R.S.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STUDY THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE. ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE REGARDING THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE. THE REPORT SHALL ADDRESS, AT A MINIMUM:

(a) A PROPOSED LISTING OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ORTHOPAEDICS, DERMATOLOGY, ENDOCRINOLOGY, GENERAL SURGERY, AND RHEUMATOLOGY, AND AN IDENTIFICATION OF WHICH MEDICAL SPECIALTIES ARE DRIVEN BY CLINICAL PROTOCOLS;

(b) THE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE;

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(c) THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF MEETING THOSE NEEDS;

(d) THE ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER OTHER STATES' EXPERIENCES WHEN CALCULATING THE COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TELEMEDICINE.

(e) THE ESTIMATED IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMIES IF THE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES.

(3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2006); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: June 2, 2006