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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 1179	Amended by the Senate on April 5, 2022
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<b>Subject:</b>	Telehealth	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill as amended allows for licensed social workers, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, addiction counselors, and psycho-educational specialists to provide services using behavioral telehealth.

The fiscal impact of this bill as amended on the Board of Social Work Examiners and Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists (boards), under the regulation of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by the Senate on April 5, 2022**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill as amended allows for licensed social workers, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, addiction counselors, and psycho-educational specialists to practice behavioral telehealth. A behavioral health provider who holds an active license to provide services in another state may provide services using behavioral telehealth to a client located in this State if the individual is registered with one of the boards and provides the services within the applicable scope established by this State. To be registered, this individual must complete an application, be licensed in another state, be free of disciplinary licensure action for five years, and pay a \$10 fee. This bill as amended additionally requires each board to publish an extensive list of all registrants on its website and allows each board to take disciplinary action against out-of-state registrants.

The expenditure impact of this bill as amended on the boards, under the regulation of LLR, is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

##### **State Revenue**

This bill as amended requires a behavioral telehealth provider licensed to provide services in another state to be registered to provide services using behavioral telehealth to a client in this

State. To be registered, this individual must complete an application, be licensed in another state, be free of disciplinary licensure action for five years, and pay a \$10 fee.

The revenue impact of this bill as amended on the boards, under the regulation of LLR, is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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