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Senate Bill 213 (as reported with amendments)  
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor  
Committee: Health Policy

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Allow a health professional who is a prescriber acting within the scope of his or her practice in prescribing a drug and who is providing a telehealth service to prescribe a controlled substance.
- Require a health professional who prescribed a drug to comply with requirements concerning referrals and follow-up services.
- Require, rather than permit, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to promulgate rules to implement the Code's provisions regarding telehealth services.

The bill would take effect on March 29, 2017.

MCL 333.16285 & 333.16287

Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minor, but negative fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the bill, LARA would be required to promulgate administrative rules regarding telehealth services. Rule promulgation would result in some new administrative costs that would likely be minor, but would vary with the relative complexity of the rules promulgated. These costs would be borne by existing resources within LARA.

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