



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5546**

LCO No. 248



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

REP. PETIT, 22nd Dist.

SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That sections 38a-499a and 38a-526a of the general statutes be  
2 amended to: (1) Expand (A) required health insurance coverage for  
3 telehealth services, and (B) the variety of telehealth providers and  
4 platforms that are eligible for reimbursement; (2) provide that no (A)  
5 telehealth provider who provides a covered benefit to an insured  
6 through telehealth and receives a reimbursement for such benefit shall  
7 seek any payment from the insured for such benefit except for any  
8 coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense due  
9 and owing for such benefit under the insured's health insurance policy,  
10 and (B) health carrier shall reduce the amount of any reimbursement  
11 paid to a telehealth provider for a covered benefit solely because the  
12 telehealth provider provided such covered benefit to an insured  
13 through telehealth.

***Statement of Purpose:***

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