AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the prescribing of buprenorphine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

A healthcare provider who is authorized to prescribe buprenorphine under federal law shall not prescribe via telehealth a buprenorphine product, as approved by the federal food and drug administration for use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment, unless:

(1) The healthcare provider is employed by or contracted with:

   (A) A licensed nonresidential office-based opiate treatment facility or licensed nonresidential opioid treatment program, as defined in § 33-2-402;

   (B) A community mental health center, as defined in § 33-1-101;

   (C) A federally qualified health center, as defined in § 63-10-601;

   (D) A hospital licensed under title 68 or 33; or

   (E) The bureau of TennCare's comprehensive enhanced buprenorphine treatment network; and

(2) The delivery of telehealth is being provided on behalf of the entity that employs or contracts with the provider.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.
SENATE BILL NO. 2240

PASSED: April 4, 2022

RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2022

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR