

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1493 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, VANCE, BRUBAKER, BAKER, WILLIAMS, WILEY, SMITH, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY AND BREWSTER, OCTOBER 3, 2014

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, OCTOBER 3, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), entitled
 2 "An act requiring the licensing of practitioners of
 3 osteopathic medicine and surgery; regulating their practice;
 4 providing for certain funds and penalties for violations and
 5 repeals," providing for visiting team physician.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261),
 9 known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, is amended by
 10 adding a section to read:

11 Section 7.2. Visiting team physician.

12 (a) Licensure exemption.--A physician who is licensed to
 13 practice in another state shall be exempt from the licensure
 14 requirements of this act while practicing in this Commonwealth
 15 if either of the following apply:

16 (1) The physician has a written or oral agreement with a
 17 sports team to provide care to the team members and coaching
 18 staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event

1 to take place in this Commonwealth.

2 (2) The physician has been invited by a national sport
3 governing body to provide services at a national sport
4 training center in this Commonwealth or to provide services
5 at an event or competition in this Commonwealth which is
6 sanctioned by the national sport governing body so long as:

7 (i) The physician's practice is limited to that
8 required by the national sport governing body.

9 (ii) The services provided by the physician must be
10 within the area of the physician's competence.

11 (b) Limitations.--A physician who is exempt under subsection

12 (a) from licensure may not:

13 (1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing
14 in this Commonwealth other than a person delineated in
15 subsection (a) or as otherwise provided by State law.

16 (2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care
17 facility including an acute care facility.

18 (c) Duration.--An exemption under subsection (a) shall be
19 valid for the following duration:

20 (1) An exemption under subsection (a)(1) shall remain in
21 force while the physician is traveling with the sports team
22 but shall be no longer than ten days in duration per sporting
23 event. A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting event may
24 be granted upon prior request by the physician but may not
25 exceed 30 days total.

26 (2) An exemption under subsection (a)(2) shall remain in
27 force during the time certified by the national sport
28 governing body, which may not exceed 30 days.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.