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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1492 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, VANCE, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, WILLIAMS, WILEY,  
SMITH, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY  
AND BREWSTER, OCTOBER 3, 2014

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

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine  
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;  
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and  
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for  
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the  
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and  
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties;  
9 and making repeals," providing for visiting team physician.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
13 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding  
14 a section to read:

15 Section 13.6. Visiting team physician.

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

20 (1) The physician has a written or oral agreement with a

1 sports team to provide care to the team members and coaching  
2 staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event  
3 to take place in this Commonwealth.

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

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

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

13 (b) Limitations.--A physician who is exempt under subsection  
14 (a) from licensure may not:

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

18 (2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care  
19 facility including an acute care facility.

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

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

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

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