

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 686 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SCARNATI, BROOKS, ALLOWAY, MENSCH, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BAKER, WILEY, BREWSTER, VANCE, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT AND WILLIAMS, JUNE 2, 2015

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 2, 2015

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 in
 13 good standing to practice in another state shall be exempt from
 14 the licensure requirements of this act while practicing in this
 15 Commonwealth 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 to team members and
4 coaching staff at a national sport training center in this
5 Commonwealth or to provide services at an event or
6 competition in this Commonwealth which is sanctioned by the
7 national sport governing body so long as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (d) Agreements with other states.--The board may enter into

1 agreements with the medical licensing boards of other states to
2 implement the provisions of this section. Agreements may include
3 procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.

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