

SENATE BILL 413

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
relative to the practice of medicine.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Visiting Sports Team Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, in amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A physician who is duly qualified to practice medicine under the laws of another state is exempt from the licensure requirements of § 63-6-201, subject to this section, if either of the following apply:

(1) The physician has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in this state; or

(2) The physician has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide services to athletes and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or to provide services to athletes and coaching staff at an event or competition in this state that is sanctioned by the national sport governing body.

(b) The exemption provided by this section only applies while:

(1) The physician's practice is limited to that required by the team or the national sport governing body; and

(2) The services provided by the physician are within the physician's scope of practice.

(c) The exemption provided by subsection (a) only permits a physician to provide care or consultation to a person specified in subsection (a). Nothing in this section shall be construed as to permit a physician exempt by this section to:

(1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person specified in subsection (a); or

(2) Practice at a licensed health care facility in this state.

(d) An exemption pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) is valid while the physician is traveling with the sports team, subject to the following:

(1) The exemption shall not be longer than ten (10) days in duration for each respective sporting event without prior authorization from the board of medical examiners;

(2) The board of medical examiners may grant an extension of not more than twenty (20) additional days per sporting event; and

(3) No physician shall be exempted more than thirty (30) total days in a calendar year.

(e) An exemption pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) is valid during the time certified by the national sport governing body; provided, that no physician shall be exempted more than thirty (30) total days in a calendar year.

(f) The board of medical examiners may enter into agreements with medical licensing boards of other states to implement this section. Agreements may include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.

(g) The board of medical examiners shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A physician who is duly qualified to practice medicine under the laws of another state is exempt from the licensure requirements of § 63-9-104, subject to this section, if either of the following apply:

(1) The physician has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in this state; or

(2) The physician has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide services to athletes and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or to provide services to athletes and coaching staff at an event or competition in this state that is sanctioned by the national sport governing body.

(b) The exemption provided by this section only applies while:

(1) The physician's practice is limited to that required by the team or the national sport governing body; and

(2) The services provided by the physician are within the physician's scope of practice.

(c) The exemption provided by subsection (a) only permits a physician to provide care or consultation to a person specified in subsection (a). Nothing in this section shall be construed as to permit a physician exempt by this section to:

(1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person specified in subsection (a); or

(2) Practice at a licensed health care facility in this state.

(d) An exemption pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) is valid while the physician is traveling with the sports team, subject to the following:

(1) The exemption shall not be longer than ten (10) days in duration for each respective sporting event without prior authorization from the board of osteopathic examination;

(2) The board of osteopathic examination may grant an extension of not more than twenty (20) additional days per sporting event; and

(3) No physician shall be exempted more than thirty (30) total days in a calendar year.

(e) An exemption pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) is valid during the time certified by the national sport governing body; provided, that no physician shall be exempted more than thirty (30) total days in a calendar year.

(f) The board of osteopathic examination may enter into agreements with osteopathic licensing boards of other states to implement this section. Agreements may include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.

(g) The board of osteopathic examination shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.