

Senate Bill 47

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for
3 visiting sports teams' physicians; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to
4 provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians,
9 physician assistants, and others, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
10 "43-34-29.3.

11 (a) A physician who is licensed in good standing to practice in another state shall be
12 exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter while practicing in this state if
13 either of the following apply:

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

17 (2) The physician has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide care
18 to team members and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or
19 during an event or competition in this state which is sanctioned by such national sport
20 governing body so long as:

21 (A) The physician's practice is limited to that required by the national sport governing
22 body; and

23 (B) The services provided by the physician are within the area of the physician's
24 competence.

25 (b) A physician who is exempt from licensure under subsection (a) of this Code section
26 shall not:

- 27 (1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person
28 delineated in subsection (a) of this Code section or as otherwise provided by state law;
29 or
30 (2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care facility, including an acute care facility.
31 (c) An exemption under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be valid as follows:
32 (1) An exemption under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain
33 in force while the physician is traveling with the sports team but shall be no longer than
34 ten days in duration per sporting event. A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting
35 event may be granted upon prior request to the board by the physician but shall not
36 exceed 30 days total; and
37 (2) An exemption under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain
38 in force during the time certified by the national sport governing body but shall not
39 exceed 30 days.
40 (d) The board may enter into agreements with the medical licensing boards of other states
41 to implement the provisions of this Code section. Agreements may include procedures for
42 reporting potential medical license violations."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.