

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

**AS PASSED**

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, physician assistants, and athletic trainers; to provide for  
4 requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to  
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting 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) As used in this Code section, the term 'provider' means a physician, physician assistant,  
12 or athletic trainer as defined by Code Section 43-5-1.

13 (b) A provider who is licensed in good standing to practice in another state shall be exempt  
14 from the licensure requirements of this chapter or Chapter 5 of this title, as applicable,  
15 while practicing in this state if either of the following apply:

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

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

23 (A) The provider's practice is limited to that required by the national sport governing  
24 body; and

25 (B) The services provided by the provider are within the area of the provider's  
26 competence.

27 (c) A provider who is exempt from licensure under subsection (b) of this Code section  
28 shall not:

29 (1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person  
30 delineated in subsection (b) of this Code section or as otherwise provided by state law;

31 or

32 (2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care facility, including an acute care facility.

33 (d) An exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be valid as follows:

34 (1) An exemption under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain

35 in force while the provider is traveling with the sports team but shall be no longer than

36 ten days in duration per sporting event. A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting

37 event may be granted upon prior written request to the board or to the Georgia Board of

38 Athletic Trainers, as appropriate, by the provider but shall not exceed 30 days total; and

39 (2) An exemption under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain

40 in force during the time certified by the national sport governing body but shall not

41 exceed 30 days.

42 (e) The board or the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, as appropriate, may enter into

43 agreements with the comparable licensing boards of other states to implement the

44 provisions of this Code section. Agreements shall include procedures for reporting

45 potential license violations."

46 **SECTION 2.**

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