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H.B. No. 986

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from licensing requirements for physicians associated with certain sports teams.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 151.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.0521. EXEMPTION FOR SPORTS TEAM PHYSICIAN. A person is exempt from the licensing requirements of this subtitle and may engage in the practice of medicine in this state if the person:

(1) is employed or designated as a team physician by a sports team visiting this state for a specific sporting event;

(2) is licensed to practice medicine in the team's home state; and

(3) limits the person's practice of medicine in this state to treating, during the period beginning on the date the team arrives in this state for the event and ending on the 10th day after the date of the event:

(A) the members, coaches, and staff of the team; and

(B) a family member of a person described by Paragraph (A) if the family member is visiting this state for the event.

SECTION 2. Section 451.003, Occupations Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 451.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply
3 to:

4 (1) a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board or
5 engaged in the practice of medicine as authorized by Section
6 151.0521;

7 (2) a dentist, licensed under the laws of this state,
8 engaged in the practice of dentistry;

9 (3) a licensed optometrist or therapeutic optometrist
10 engaged in the practice of optometry or therapeutic optometry as
11 defined by statute;

12 (4) an occupational therapist engaged in the practice
13 of occupational therapy;

14 (5) a nurse engaged in the practice of nursing;

15 (6) a licensed podiatrist engaged in the practice of
16 podiatry as defined by statute;

17 (7) a physical therapist engaged in the practice of
18 physical therapy;

19 (8) a registered massage therapist engaged in the
20 practice of massage therapy;

21 (9) a commissioned or contract physician, physical
22 therapist, or physical therapist assistant in the United States
23 Army, Navy, Air Force, or Public Health Service; or

24 (10) an athletic trainer who does not live in this
25 state, who is licensed, registered, or certified by an authority
26 recognized by the department, and who provides athletic training in
27 this state for a period determined by the department.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.