



House Professional Licensure Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025

9:45 a.m.

515 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

Committee Reorganization

HOUSE BILL 309 PN 262 (Burns/Emrick) – Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1985 to allow traveling team physicians from outside the United States to treat their players in the Commonwealth without a Pennsylvania medical license.

- Amendment A00020 (Burns): Extends the licensure exemption for traveling team physicians to 45 days, or longer with prior approval by the Board of Medicine.

Any other business

Adjournment

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 309

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 262

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 15, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting

3 Section 1. Section 13.6(a) introductory paragraph and (c) of
4 the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the
5 Medical Practice Act of 1985, are amended to read:

6 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

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

9 (1) An exemption under subsection (a)(1) shall remain in
10 force while the physician is traveling with the sports team
11 but shall be no longer than [ten] 45 days in duration per
12 sporting event. [A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting
13 event may be granted upon prior request to the board by the
14 physician but may not exceed 30 days total.] The exemption
15 may not exceed 45 days unless granted upon prior request to
16 the board by the physician.

17 (2) An exemption under subsection (a)(2) shall remain in
18 force during the time certified by the national sport
19 governing body. The exemption may not exceed [30] 45 days
20 unless granted upon prior request to the board by the
21 physician.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 309 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY BURNS, EMRICK, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, REICHARD,
FREEMAN, VENKAT, SANCHEZ, GIRAL, BANTA, MERSKI, SCHLOSSBERG,
KENYATTA, NEILSON, DONAHUE AND HADDOCK, JANUARY 23, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 23, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," further providing for visiting team
10 physician.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 13.6(a) introductory paragraph of the act
14 of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical
15 Practice Act of 1985, is amended to read:

16 Section 13.6. Visiting team physician.

17 (a) Licensure exemption.--A physician who is licensed in
18 good standing to practice in another state or country shall be
19 exempt from the licensure requirements of this act while
20 practicing in this Commonwealth if either of the following
21 apply:

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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| Bill No: | HB0309 PN0262 | Prepared By: | Kari Orchard |
| Committee: | Professional Licensure | | (717) 787-6882, ext. 6241 |
| Sponsor: | Burns, Frank and Emrick, Joe | Executive Director: | Kari Orchard |
| Date: | 1/23/2025 | | |

A. Brief Concept

Allows traveling team physicians from outside the United States to treat their players without a Pennsylvania medical license.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Amends Act 112 of 1985, known as **The Medical Practice Act**, to expand the licensure exemption offered to traveling team physicians from outside of Pennsylvania to include team physicians from outside the United States.

Section 13.6 of the act currently allows a physician who is licensed and in good standing in another state to practice in Pennsylvania without a PA medical license if they are only treating their own players on site at a sports competition or at a national sport training center. Traveling team doctors may not practice at any hospital, clinic or health care facility in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 309 adds international traveling team physicians to this licensure exemption with the same requirements and restrictions as out-of-state physicians.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 13.6 of The Medical Practice Act allows a physician who is licensed and in good standing in another state to practice in Pennsylvania without a PA medical license if they are only treating their own players on site at a sports competition or at a national sport training center. Traveling team doctors may not practice at any hospital, clinic or health care facility in Pennsylvania.

Team physicians may treat players under an agreement with the team members and coaching staff for a specific sporting event in Pennsylvania or may be invited by a national sport governing body to provide services at a national sport training center in the Commonwealth.

Licensure exemption under this section is valid for 10 days per sporting event with an extension of up to 20 additional days with prior written permission by the Board of Medicine. For those working at a national sport training center, their exemption is valid for a time certified by the national sport governing body with a maximum of 30 days.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

This bill was not introduced in previous sessions.