



House Professional Licensure Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, Feb. 3, 2025
11:30 a.m.
515 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44 (HILL-EVANS) – Recognizes March 2025 as “National Social Worker Month” in Pennsylvania.

SENATE BILL 184 (PICOZZI) – 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 for up to 45 days, or longer if prior approval is granted by the Board of Medicine.

Any other business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 44 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, ABNEY, HOHENSTEIN, FREEMAN, BRENNAN,
SAMUELSON, GIRAL, PIELLI, KENYATTA, VENKAT, POWELL, SAPPEY,
MAYES, HOWARD, NEILSON, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, SANCHEZ,
KHAN, ISAACSON, SCHLOSSBERG, DALEY, HADDOCK AND O'MARA,
JANUARY 29, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 29, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2025 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For decades, the social work profession has been
4 dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic
5 needs of all individuals, especially the most vulnerable; and

6 WHEREAS, The services provided by the social work profession
7 are needed more than ever; and

8 WHEREAS, People become social workers because they have a
9 strong desire to help others and make our society a better place
10 to live for all; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, social
12 work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers have always been present in times of
15 crisis, helping individuals overcome issues such as death and
16 grief and helping individuals and communities recover from

1 natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

2 WHEREAS, There are more than 720,000 professional social
3 workers in our nation, but that number is expected to rise to
4 more than 800,000 by 2030; and

5 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped drive significant,
6 positive changes in our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers work in all parts of our society to
8 empower individuals to live to their fullest potential; and

9 WHEREAS, School social workers have worked with families and
10 schools throughout the pandemic to ensure that students reach
11 their full academic and personal potential; and

12 WHEREAS, Social workers continue to work on the front lines
13 throughout the pandemic, helping clients receive the health care
14 they need and helping loved ones overcome grief and loss; and

15 WHEREAS, For generations, social workers have advocated for
16 positive changes that have made society a better place to live,
17 including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve
18 workplace safety and enact social safety net programs that help
19 ameliorate hunger, homelessness and poverty; and

20 WHEREAS, Social workers are one of the largest groups of
21 mental health care providers in the United States, working daily
22 to help individuals, whether in person or remotely, overcome
23 substance use disorders and mental illnesses, such as depression
24 and anxiety; and

25 WHEREAS, Social workers remain prepared to aid our nation in
26 surmounting current and forthcoming challenges, enhancing health
27 care and mental health care for everyone and encouraging
28 lawmakers to consider comprehensive reforms; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
30 month of March 2025 as "National Social Work Month" in

1 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to
2 join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration
3 and support of the social work profession.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0044 PN0388	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt
Committee:	Professional Licensure		(717) 787-8529, ext. 6778
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol	Executive Director:	Kari Orchard
Date:	1/24/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of March 2025 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HR 44 would have the House of Representatives recognize the month of March 2025 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of the Commonwealth to join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the social work profession.

The resolution highlights the role of social workers in helping individuals to cope with grief, connect with needed services and reach their full potential by restoring or enhancing their connections with their family and community. Additionally, it notes the work of social workers in schools and throughout the pandemic.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is a freestanding resolution.

Social workers and clinical social workers are licensed professions governed by the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act (Act 39 of 1987).

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

A similar, but not identical resolution, House Resolution 344 (Hill-Evans), was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 26, 2024.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 184 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY PICOZZI, FARRY, BROWN, PHILLIPS-HILL, PISCIOTTANO,
BAKER, MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK, SAVAL AND GEBHARD,
JANUARY 24, 2025

SENATOR STEFANO, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
AS AMENDED, JANUARY 27, 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 1. SECTION 13.6(A) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND (C) OF <--
17 THE ACT OF DECEMBER 20, 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112), KNOWN AS THE
18 MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF 1985, ARE AMENDED TO READ:

19 Section 13.6. Visiting team physician.

20 (a) Licensure exemption.--A physician who is licensed in
21 good standing to practice in another state or country shall be

1 exempt from the licensure requirements of this act while
2 practicing in this Commonwealth if either of the following
3 apply:

4 * * *

5 (C) DURATION.--AN EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL BE <--
6 VALID FOR THE FOLLOWING DURATION:

7 (1) AN EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) SHALL REMAIN IN
8 FORCE WHILE THE PHYSICIAN IS TRAVELING WITH THE SPORTS TEAM
9 BUT SHALL BE NO LONGER THAN [TEN] 45 DAYS IN DURATION PER
10 SPORTING EVENT. [A MAXIMUM OF 20 ADDITIONAL DAYS PER SPORTING
11 EVENT MAY BE GRANTED UPON PRIOR REQUEST TO THE BOARD BY THE
12 PHYSICIAN BUT MAY NOT EXCEED 30 DAYS TOTAL.] THE EXEMPTION
13 MAY NOT EXCEED 45 DAYS UNLESS GRANTED UPON PRIOR REQUEST TO
14 THE BOARD BY THE PHYSICIAN.

15 (2) AN EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (2) SHALL REMAIN IN
16 FORCE DURING THE TIME CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL SPORT
17 GOVERNING BODY. THE EXEMPTION MAY NOT EXCEED [30] 45 DAYS
18 UNLESS GRANTED UPON PRIOR REQUEST TO THE BOARD BY THE
19 PHYSICIAN.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB0184 PN0128	Prepared By:	Kari Orchard
Committee:	Professional Licensure		(717) 787-6882, ext. 6241
Sponsor:	Picozzi, Joseph	Executive Director:	Kari Orchard
Date:	1/30/2025		

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.

SB 184 adds international traveling team physicians to this licensure exemption with the same requirements and restrictions as out-of-state physicians. It also extends the maximum amount of time a traveling team physician may practice in Pennsylvania to 45 days, but may be longer with prior approval granted by the Board of Medicine.

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.

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