

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law of
5 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2105-360 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-360 new)

8 Sec. 2105-360. Licensing exemptions for athletic team
9 health care professionals.

10 (a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

11 "Athletic team" means any professional or amateur level
12 group from outside the State of Illinois organized for the
13 purpose of engaging in athletic events that employs the
14 services of a health care professional.

15 "Health care professional" means a physician, physical
16 therapist, athletic trainer, or acupuncturist.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health
18 care professional who is licensed to practice in another state
19 or country shall be exempt from licensure requirements under
20 the applicable Illinois professional Act while practicing his
21 or her profession in this State if all of the following
22 conditions are met:

23 (1) The health care professional has an oral or written

1 agreement with an athletic team to provide health care
2 services to the athletic team members, coaching staff, and
3 families traveling with the athletic team for a specific
4 sporting event to take place in this State.

5 (2) The health care professional may not provide care
6 or consultation to any person residing in this State other
7 than a person described in paragraph (1) of this subsection
8 (b) unless the care is covered under the Good Samaritan
9 Act.

10 (c) The exemption from licensure shall remain in force
11 while the health care professional is traveling with the
12 athletic team, but shall be no longer than 10 days per
13 individual sporting event.

14 (d) The Secretary, upon prior written request by the health
15 care professional, may grant the health care professional
16 additional time of up to 20 additional days per sporting event.
17 The total number of days the health care professional may be
18 exempt, including additional time granted upon request, may not
19 exceed 30 days per sporting event.

20 (e) A health care professional who is exempt from licensure
21 requirements under this Section is not authorized to practice
22 at a health care clinic or facility, including an acute care
23 facility.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect September
25 1, 2015.