

AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

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

(20 ILCS 2105/2105-360 new)

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

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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