

1-1 By: Guerra (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 2299  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;  
 1-3 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 & Human Services; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an exemption from licensing requirements for physicians  
 1-20 associated with certain sports teams.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 151, Occupations Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 151.0521 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 151.0521. EXEMPTION FOR SPORTS TEAM PHYSICIAN. A  
 1-25 person is exempt from the licensing requirements of this subtitle  
 1-26 and may engage in the practice of medicine in this state if the  
 1-27 person:

1-28 (1) is employed or designated as a team physician by a  
 1-29 sports team visiting this state for a specific sporting event;

1-30 (2) is licensed to practice medicine in the team's home  
 1-31 state; and

1-32 (3) limits the person's practice of medicine in this  
 1-33 state to treating, during the period beginning on the date the team  
 1-34 arrives in this state for the event and ending on the date the team  
 1-35 leaves this state:

1-36 (A) the members, coaches, and staff of the team;  
 1-37 and

1-38 (B) a family member of a person described by  
 1-39 Paragraph (A) if the family member is visiting this state for the  
 1-40 event.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 451.003, Occupations Code, is amended to  
 1-42 read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 451.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply  
 1-44 to:

1-45 (1) a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board or  
 1-46 engaged in the practice of medicine as authorized by Section  
 1-47 151.0521;

1-48 (2) a dentist, licensed under the laws of this state,  
 1-49 engaged in the practice of dentistry;

1-50 (3) a licensed optometrist or therapeutic optometrist  
 1-51 engaged in the practice of optometry or therapeutic optometry as  
 1-52 defined by statute;

1-53 (4) an occupational therapist engaged in the practice  
 1-54 of occupational therapy;

1-55 (5) a nurse engaged in the practice of nursing;

1-56 (6) a licensed podiatrist engaged in the practice of  
 1-57 podiatry as defined by statute;

1-58 (7) a physical therapist engaged in the practice of  
 1-59 physical therapy;

1-60 (8) a registered massage therapist engaged in the  
 1-61 practice of massage therapy;

2-1 (9) a commissioned or contract physician, physical  
2-2 therapist, or physical therapist assistant in the United States  
2-3 Army, Navy, Air Force, or Public Health Service; or

2-4 (10) an athletic trainer who does not live in this  
2-5 state, who is licensed, registered, or certified by an authority  
2-6 recognized by the department, and who provides athletic training in  
2-7 this state for a period determined by the department.

2-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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