

ACT 106

H.B. NO. 884

A Bill for an Act Relating to Traveling Team Physicians.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§453- Traveling team physicians; exemption. (a) A physician licensed and in good standing to practice as a physician in another state shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter if:

- (1) The physician has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in the State; provided that:
 - (A) The physician’s practice is limited to that required by the bona fide national sport governing body, intercollegiate league, or professional league;
 - (B) The services provided by the physician are within the physician’s scope of practice; and

- (C) The physician has notified the Hawaii medical board of the date the physician intends to enter and practice in the State before the physician enters the State; or
- (2) The physician has been invited by a bona fide national sport governing body, intercollegiate league, or professional league to provide services to team members and coaching staff at a bona fide national sport training center in the State or to provide services at an event or competition in the State that is sanctioned by the bona fide national sport governing body, intercollegiate league, or professional league; provided that:
 - (A) The physician's practice is limited to that required by the bona fide national sport governing body, intercollegiate league, or professional league;
 - (B) The services provided by the physician are within the physician's scope of practice; and
 - (C) The physician has notified the Hawaii medical board of the date the physician intends to enter and practice in the State before the physician enters the State.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a physician exempted by this section to:
 - (1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in the State, other than a person specified in subsection (a); or
 - (2) Practice at a licensed health care facility in the State.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an exemption pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall be valid while the physician is traveling with the sports team, but shall be no longer than ten days per individual sporting event. Upon application to the Hawaii medical board and for good cause shown, the Hawaii medical board may extend the time period in this subsection up to twenty days per individual sporting event, for a total of thirty days; provided that no physician shall be granted extensions that total more than thirty days in a calendar year.
- (d) An exemption pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall be valid during the time certified by the bona fide national sport governing body, intercollegiate league, or professional league; provided that no exemption shall be valid for more than thirty days.
- (e) The Hawaii medical board may enter into agreements with medical and osteopathic licensing boards of other states to implement this section. Agreements may include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 22, 2023.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.