

In the Senate of the United States,

September 6, 2018.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 302) entitled “An Act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the Sports Medicine Licen-*
3 *sure Clarity Act of 2017.*

4 ***SEC. 2. PROTECTIONS FOR COVERED SPORTS MEDICINE***
5 ***PROFESSIONALS.***

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a covered sports med-*
7 *icine professional who has in effect medical professional li-*
8 *ability insurance coverage and provides in a secondary*
9 *State covered medical services that are within the scope of*

1 *practice of such professional in the primary State to an*
2 *athlete or an athletic team (or a staff member of such an*
3 *athlete or athletic team) pursuant to an agreement de-*
4 *scribed in subsection (c)(4) with respect to such athlete or*
5 *athletic team—*

6 (1) *such medical professional liability insurance*
7 *coverage shall cover (subject to any related premium*
8 *adjustments) such professional with respect to such*
9 *covered medical services provided by the professional*
10 *in the secondary State to such an individual or team*
11 *as if such services were provided by such professional*
12 *in the primary State to such an individual or team;*
13 *and*

14 (2) *to the extent such professional is licensed*
15 *under the requirements of the primary State to pro-*
16 *vide such services to such an individual or team, the*
17 *professional shall be treated as satisfying any licen-*
18 *sure requirements of the secondary State to provide*
19 *such services to such an individual or team to the ex-*
20 *tent the licensure requirements of the secondary State*
21 *are substantially similar to the licensure requirements*
22 *of the primary State.*

23 (b) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section*
24 *shall be construed—*

1 (1) to allow a covered sports medicine profes-
2 sional to provide medical services in the secondary
3 State that exceed the scope of that professional's li-
4 cense in the primary State;

5 (2) to allow a covered sports medicine profes-
6 sional to provide medical services in the secondary
7 State that exceed the scope of a substantially similar
8 sports medicine professional license in the secondary
9 State;

10 (3) to supersede any reciprocity agreement in ef-
11 fect between the two States regarding such services or
12 such professionals;

13 (4) to supersede any interstate compact agree-
14 ment entered into by the two States regarding such
15 services or such professionals; or

16 (5) to supersede a licensure exemption the sec-
17 ondary State provides for sports medicine profes-
18 sionals licensed in the primary State.

19 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this Act, the following defini-*
20 *tions apply:*

21 (1) *ATHLETE.*—*The term “athlete” means—*

22 (A) *an individual participating in a sport-*
23 *ing event or activity for which the individual*
24 *may be paid;*

1 (B) *an individual participating in a sport-*
2 *ing event or activity sponsored or sanctioned by*
3 *a national governing body; or*

4 (C) *an individual for whom a high school*
5 *or institution of higher education provides a cov-*
6 *ered sports medicine professional.*

7 (2) *ATHLETIC TEAM.*—*The term “athletic team”*
8 *means a sports team—*

9 (A) *composed of individuals who are paid*
10 *to participate on the team;*

11 (B) *composed of individuals who are par-*
12 *ticipating in a sporting event or activity spon-*
13 *sored or sanctioned by a national governing*
14 *body; or*

15 (C) *for which a high school or an institu-*
16 *tion of higher education provides a covered*
17 *sports medicine professional.*

18 (3) *COVERED MEDICAL SERVICES.*—*The term*
19 *“covered medical services” means general medical*
20 *care, emergency medical care, athletic training, or*
21 *physical therapy services. Such term does not include*
22 *care provided by a covered sports medicine profes-*
23 *sional—*

24 (A) *at a health care facility; or*

1 (B) while a health care provider licensed to
2 practice in the secondary State is transporting
3 the injured individual to a health care facility.

4 (4) *COVERED SPORTS MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL.*—The term “covered sports medicine profes-
5 sional” means a physician, athletic trainer, or other
6 health care professional who—
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8 (A) is licensed to practice in the primary
9 State;

10 (B) provides covered medical services, pur-
11 suant to a written agreement with an athlete, an
12 athletic team, a national governing body, a high
13 school, or an institution of higher education; and

14 (C) prior to providing the covered medical
15 services described in subparagraph (B), has dis-
16 closed the nature and extent of such services to
17 the entity that provides the professional with li-
18 ability insurance in the primary State.

19 (5) *HEALTH CARE FACILITY.*—The term “health
20 care facility” means a facility in which medical care,
21 diagnosis, or treatment is provided on an inpatient
22 or outpatient basis. Such term does not include facili-
23 ties at an arena, stadium, or practice facility, or tem-
24 porary facilities existing for events where athletes or
25 athletic teams may compete.

1 (6) *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*—The
2 term “institution of higher education” has the mean-
3 ing given such term in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

5 (7) *LICENSE.*—The term “license” or “licen-
6 sure”, as applied with respect to a covered sports
7 medicine professional, means a professional that has
8 met the requirements and is approved to provide cov-
9 ered medical services in accordance with State laws
10 and regulations in the primary State. Such term may
11 include the registration or certification, or any other
12 form of special recognition, of an individual as such
13 a professional, as applicable.

14 (8) *NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY.*—The term “na-
15 tional governing body” has the meaning given such
16 term in section 220501 of title 36, United States
17 Code.

18 (9) *PRIMARY STATE.*—The term “primary State”
19 means, with respect to a covered sports medicine pro-
20 fessional, the State in which—

21 (A) the covered sports medicine professional
22 is licensed to practice; and

23 (B) the majority of the covered sports medi-
24 cine professional’s practice is underwritten for
25 medical professional liability insurance coverage.

1 (10) *SECONDARY STATE*.—*The term “secondary*
2 *State” means, with respect to a covered sports medi-*
3 *cine professional, any State that is not the primary*
4 *State.*

5 (11) *STATE*.—*The term “State” means each of*
6 *the several States, the District of Columbia, and each*
7 *commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United*
8 *States.*

9 (12) *SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR*.—*The term “sub-*
10 *stantially similar”, with respect to the licensure by*
11 *primary and secondary States of a sports medicine*
12 *professional, means that both the primary and sec-*
13 *ondary States have in place a form of licensure for*
14 *such professionals that permits such professionals to*
15 *provide covered medical services.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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