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In Senate, March 14, 2017

An Act To Promote Medical Care for Visiting Athletic Teams

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland,
Representative: SANBORN of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2582** is enacted to read:

3 **§2582. Exemption for licensed person accompanying visiting athletic team**

4 **1. Licensed person accompanying visiting athletic team.** This chapter does not
5 apply to a person who holds a current unrestricted license to practice osteopathic
6 medicine and surgery in another state when the person, pursuant to a written agreement
7 with an athletic team located in the state in which the person holds the license, provides
8 medical services to any of the following while the team is traveling to or from or
9 participating in a sporting event in the State:

10 A. A member of the athletic team;

11 B. A member of the athletic team's coaching, communications, equipment or sports
12 medicine staff;

13 C. A member of a band or cheerleading squad accompanying the team; or

14 D. The team's mascot.

15 **2. Restrictions.** A licensed person under subsection 1 may not provide medical
16 services at a health care facility, including a hospital, ambulatory surgical facility or any
17 other facility where medical care, diagnosis or treatment is provided on an inpatient or
18 outpatient basis.

19 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3270-F** is enacted to read:

20 **§3270-F. Exemption for licensed person accompanying visiting athletic team**

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SUMMARY

This bill allows a person who holds a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in another state who accompanies an athletic team from that state to provide medical services to members and supporting personnel of the team without a license from this State but restricts the person from providing medical services in a health care facility in the State.