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Senate Bill 806

The Issue: For team physicians, who often must travel with their team over state lines, obtaining and maintaining licensure in each state under a scenario where they are not even providing medical care to residents of the state that they are traveling to constitutes an excessively high administrative cost and risk management burden. If the physician is contracted with a team and will only be treating the athletes on that team, becoming licensed in each state should not be necessary.

The Solution: SB 806 – Passage of this bill would reduce physician and athletic trainer liability and prevent disruption of service for traveling sports teams, all while respect state autonomy in the area of medical regulation. The bill exempts the law governing the practice of medicine in Oregon for an athletic team physician (M.D./D.O.) licensed to practice in another state. The exemption applies under the following conditions:

- The physician is *only* providing medical services to a member of the team or an individual accompanying the team.
- The physician is contracted to work with the out-of-state athletic team to provide general or emergency medical care to the team members, staff, or families traveling with the team for a specific sporting event taking place in the state; and
- The physician does not provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than an individual described above.
- The medical services are not provided at a health care facility, including a hospital, ambulatory surgery center, or other medical care facility for diagnosis or treatment on inpatient or outpatient basis. (Not including facilities in an arena or stadium, used for periodic contests like Olympic Games or tournaments.)
- The exemption remains as long as the physician is traveling with the team. The exemption only lasts for the duration of the teams visit and cannot exceed 10 days per each sporting event.

Passage of this bill would not affect medical care for any residents in our state. I urge you to support this common sense proposal to limit liability for team physicians who are only trying to do their job effectively.

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