



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 341
[2017 Assembly Bill 766]

**Sports Medicine Physicians
Licensed in Another State**

Wisconsin statutes generally prohibit the practice of medicine and surgery without a license granted by the Medical Examining Board (MEB). 2017 Wisconsin Act 341 creates an exception to the prohibition for practice at certain sporting events or facilities, as specified in the Act, by an individual who is licensed in good standing to practice medicine and surgery in another state. He or she either must have a written agreement with a sports team to provide care to team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific event in Wisconsin, or must have been invited by a national sport governing body to provide services at a national sport training center in Wisconsin or an event or competition in Wisconsin that is sanctioned by the national sport governing body, subject to conditions and limitations specified in the Act.

The Act directs the MEB to promulgate rules to implement the new licensure exception. It authorizes MEB to promulgate the rules as emergency rules under s. 227.24, Stats., without certain prerequisites that would ordinarily apply, such as a finding of an emergency.

The Act authorizes MEB to enter into agreements with medical or osteopathic licensing boards of other states to implement the new licensure exception. The agreements may include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.