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Senate Bill 759 (as enacted)
Sponsor: Senator Curtis S. VanderWall
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services
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PUBLIC ACT 167 of 2021

Date Completed: 12-19-22

CONTENT

The bill amended Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code to create an exception to the Code's licensure requirement for a health professional for a health professional licensed in another state rendering medical care during a staffing shortage caused by a public health emergency.

Article 15 requires certain individuals to be licensed by a Michigan licensing board in order to practice a health profession in Michigan, subject to a number of exceptions for individuals who meet various criteria, including an individual who is authorized to practice a health profession in another state and who is appointed by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to provide health services exclusively to team personnel and athletes registered to train and compete at a training site in the State approved by the USOC or at an event conducted under the sanction of the USOC.

Previously, Article 15 also included an exception for an individual who was authorized to practice a health profession in a territory of the US. The bill deletes this provision.

Additionally, the bill includes among the exceptions an individual who is authorized to practice a health profession in another state, who otherwise meets the requirements of Article 15 for licensure, while rendering medical care during an epidemic-related staffing shortage to meet health professional staffing needs, if the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health.

The bill took effect on December 27, 2021.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill will have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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