STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 2, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT in relation to authorizing certain medical professionals certified by a foreign government or another state or territory to provide medical services during the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 26; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is licensed or certified as a physician, physician's assistant, massage therapist, physical therapist, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, nurse, nurse practitioner, emergency medical technician, podiatrist or athletic trainer by a foreign government may provide professional services within this state without first being licensed pursuant to the provisions of title 8 of the education law or certified pursuant to the provisions in the public health law, as may be applicable, to the team athletes, coaches, staff and delegations originating from such foreign government, in connection with the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 26. Such services shall be limited to athletes and personnel in relation to the FIFA Club World Cup 2025, between the dates of June 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, and the FIFA World Cup 26, between the dates of June 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026.

§ 2. Any person who is licensed or certified to practice as a physician, physician's assistant, massage therapist, physical therapist, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, nurse, nurse practitioner, emergency medical technician, podiatrist or athletic trainer in another state or territory, who is in good standing in such state or territory, and who has been appointed by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to provide professional services at an event in this state sanctioned by the Federation Internationale de Football Association

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(FIFA), may provide such professional services to team athletes, coaches, staff and delegations from such state or territory registered to train at a location in this state or registered to compete in an event conducted under the sanction of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in this state without first being licensed pursuant to the provisions of title 8 of the education law or certified pursuant to the provisions of the public health law, as may be applicable. Such services shall be limited to team athletes, coaches, staff and delegations in relation to the FIFA Club World Cup 2025, between the dates of June 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, and the FIFA World Cup 26, between the dates of June 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026.

§ 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2025, and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 31, 2026.