

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 263, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly, No. 5353

1 **AN ACT** providing an exemption to certain health care providers
2 during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

1. The prohibitory provisions of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes related to the issuance of licenses and the practice of health care professions shall not apply to any health care professional licensed in a foreign nation to provide services only to athletes or team personnel affiliated with the team of the foreign nation that is participating in the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup.

15 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2026 and expire July 31,
16 2026.

19 STATEMENT

21 The bill provides an exemption from licensing requirements for
22 any health care professional licensed in a foreign nation during the
23 2026 FIFA World Cup. The exemption only applies to medical
24 services provided to team members and team personnel, and only for
25 the duration of events associated with the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The tournament is scheduled to begin on June 11, 2026 and conclude on July 19, 2026. The waivers authorized in this bill are intended to provide flexibility to health care professionals working with teams competing in the tournament. The bill's June 1, 2026 effective date allows for the medical staff to provide services during any training or team activities which will take place in the time period leading up to the tournament.

37 Exempts health care professionals licensed in a foreign nation
38 from New Jersey's licensing requirements while providing services
39 to team participating in 2026 FIFA World Cup.