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8 SYNOPSIS: In July 2021, Birmingham will host The
9 Eleventh World Games, an international sports event
10 led by the International World Games Association.
11 Each of the participating nations' teams will bring
12 delegations consisting of competing athletes, as
13 well as trainers and doctors for their athletes and
14 coaches.

15 This bill establishes a limited exemption
16 from licensure, registration, and certification
17 requirements for nonresident medical professionals
18 who are licensed in their home country and
19 credentialed by the World Games to provide health
20 services during the World Games.

21 This bill would provide procedures for
22 authorizing consent of a minor athlete to receive
23 hospital, medical, or surgical care.

24 This bill would be repealed December 31,
25 2021.

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27 A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 Relating to licensure of health care professionals;
5 to exempt certain individuals from state licensure,
6 registration, and certification requirements who are in the
7 state to render certain services for The Eleventh World Games
8 to be held in Birmingham and other areas of Alabama in 2021
9 and the preliminary events for World Games in December 2020;
10 to provide for consent for certain medical services; and to
11 provide for repeal of this bill on December 31, 2021.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the
14 following terms have the following meanings:

15 (1) CREDENTIAL or CREDENTIALLED. The grant or receipt
16 of credentials by TWG.

17 (2) FICS. Federation Internationale de Chiropratique
18 du Sport headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

19 (3) ISF. International Sports Federation governing
20 each sport for which there will be a competition, exhibition,
21 or presentation during the World Games or a Test Event.

22 (4) IWGA. The International World Games Association
23 headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

24 (5) NOC. The National Olympic or IWGA Committee or
25 other organization responsible for the delegation of athletes,
26 coaches, trainers, and other credentialed support staff and
27 officials of a participating nation state in the World Games.

1 (6) TEST EVENTS. Preview events in certain fields
2 the IWGA requires TWG to hold in Alabama during 2020 and 2021
3 in conjunction with the World Games.

4 (7) TWG. The TWG 2021 Birmingham Foundation.

5 (8) WORLD GAMES. The World Games 2021 under the
6 authority of the IWGA to be held in Birmingham, Alabama in
7 July 2021.

8 (9) WORLD GAMES FAMILY. Any credentialed athletes,
9 coaches, trainers, or other credentialed support staff and
10 officials of the IWGA, NOC, IWGA-affiliated entities, and ISF
11 or their designated IWGA confederations, including judges and
12 juries for the games.

13 (b) Nothing in Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, shall
14 be construed to require licensure, registration, or
15 certification of individuals who are nonresidents of this
16 state, who hold a current and valid professional license,
17 certificate, registration, or other authorization to practice
18 any profession regulated under Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975,
19 from any state or country, and who are credentialed by TWG for
20 involvement in events to specific, time-limited services to
21 athletes and other members of the World Games family in
22 connection with the World Games or Test Events.

23 (c) Whenever the services authorized under
24 subsection (b) are health care services, the services shall
25 only be provided to the World Games family at the sites
26 designated by TWG. Individuals exempted from licensure by this
27 section who provide health care services shall provide

1 services only to members of the World Games family at the
2 sites designated by TWG. Individuals exempted from licensure
3 by this section who provide the health care services shall
4 provide those services only to those members of the World
5 Games family who are citizens or members of the delegation of
6 that provider's sponsoring country as credentialed by TWG,
7 except that members of FICS credentialed by TWG to provide
8 health care services shall be permitted to provide those
9 services to any member of the World Games family.

10 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
11 authorize or grant hospital medical staff privileges at any
12 hospital, ambulatory surgery center, outpatient care center,
13 or other health care facility.

14 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each
15 NOC and ISF may designate to TWG, who shall in turn
16 appropriately credential an official delegate who may give
17 consent to hospital, medical, and surgical care to a minor who
18 is a team member for the respective NOC delegate's team or a
19 participant for the respective ISF delegate's sport, and that
20 consent shall not be subject to disaffirmance because of
21 minority. The consent of the parent or parents of that minor
22 shall not be necessary in order to authorize hospital,
23 medical, or surgical care.

24 (f) This section is repealed on December 31, 2021.

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

