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SYNOPSIS:

Birmingham will host the 2025 World Police and Fire Games, an international sports event where public safety officers, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians from around the world will compete.

Each of the participating teams, in addition to competing athletes, may include in its delegation trainers and doctors to care for the competitors and their coaches.

This bill establishes a limited exemption from licensure, registration, and certification requirements for nonresident medical professionals who are licensed in their home state or nation and credentialed by the Games to provide health services during the events.

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

This bill would only be in effect until the end of 2025.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT



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30 Relating to licensure of health care professionals; to  
31 exempt certain individuals from state licensure, registration,  
32 and certification requirements while they are visiting Alabama  
33 to render certain services during the 2025 World Police and  
34 Fire Games to be held in Birmingham and other locations; to  
35 provide for consent for certain medical services; and to  
36 provide for repeal of this bill on December 31,  
37 2025.

38 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

41 (1) CREDENTIAL or CREDENTIALLED. The grant or receipt of  
42 credentials by the Birmingham Host Committee of the 2025 World  
43 Police and Fire Games.

44 (2) DEPARTMENT. A police, fire, or emergency response  
45 department or equivalent organization represented by a  
46 delegation of athletes, coaches, trainers, and other  
47 credentialed support staff and officials which is  
48 participating in the 2025 World Police and Fire Games.

49 (3) GAMES. The 2025 World Police and Fire Games to be  
50 held in Birmingham, Alabama.

51 (4) THE GAMES FAMILY. Any credentialed athletes,  
52 coaches, trainers, or other credentialed support staff and  
53 officials of the Birmingham Host Committee of the 2025 World  
54 Police and Fire Games, the California Police Athletic  
55 Federation, a department, or individuals with entities  
56 affiliated with the games, including judges and juries.



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57 (5) WPFPG. The Birmingham Host Committee of the 2025  
58 World Police and Fire Games.

59 (b) Nothing in Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, shall be  
60 construed to require licensure, registration, or certification  
61 of individuals who are nonresidents of this state, who hold a  
62 current and valid professional license, certificate,  
63 registration, or other authorization to practice any  
64 profession regulated under Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975,  
65 from any state or nation, and who are credentialed by WPFPG to  
66 render care or to provide services to athletes or other  
67 members of the games family in connection with the games and  
68 its events.

69 (c) Whenever the services authorized under subsection  
70 (b) are health care services, the services shall only be  
71 provided to the games family at the sites designated by WPFPG.  
72 Individuals exempted by subsection (b) who provide health care  
73 services shall provide services only to members of the games  
74 family at the sites designated by WPFPG. Individuals exempted  
75 by subsection (b) who provide health care services shall  
76 provide those services only to those members of the games  
77 family who are also members of that individual's sponsoring  
78 department as credentialed by WPFPG.

79 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
80 authorize or grant individuals who are hospital medical staff  
81 privileges at any hospital, ambulatory surgery center,  
82 outpatient care center, or other health care facility located  
83 in the State of Alabama.

84 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each



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85 department may designate to WCFG, who shall in turn  
86 appropriately credential an official delegate who may give  
87 consent to hospital, medical, and surgical care to a minor who  
88 is a team member for that department's team, and that consent  
89 shall not be subject to disaffirmance because of minority. The  
90 consent of the parent or parents of that minor shall not be  
91 necessary in order to authorize hospital, medical, or surgical  
92 care.

93 (f) This section is repealed on December 31, 2025.

94 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately  
95 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its  
96 otherwise becoming law.