



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [S.B. 141 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** May 23, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sen. Gillmor

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Exempts a physician for an out-of-state athletic team from Ohio's physician licensure laws while the physician provides medical services in Ohio to the team members and accompanying individuals

### State Fiscal Highlights

- Potential negligible loss of revenue to the State Medical Board resulting from fewer applications for special activity certificates.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Current law authorizes the State Medical Board to issue a special activity certificate to any person seeking to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in conjunction with a special activity, program, or event taking place in Ohio. The bill exempts a physician for an out-of-state athletic team from Ohio's physician licensure laws while the physician provides medical services in Ohio to the team members and accompanying individuals.

According to a representative of the Board, a special activity certificate is obtained primarily in the case of a physician who comes to Ohio to perform a certain procedure on a limited basis or is participating in an educational program. Although the special activity certificate is not intended for use by an athletic team physician, it is possible that such a physician has obtained the certificate for purposes of practicing during a sporting event.<sup>1</sup> The Medical Board may experience a loss of revenue resulting from fewer applications for special activity certificates; however, the impact is likely to be negligible.

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<sup>1</sup> The Medical Board does not currently keep track of the purpose for which a special activity certificate is to be used.