SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4448

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 17, 2025

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4448.

The bill provides an exemption from licensing requirements for any health care professional licensed in a foreign nation during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The exemption only applies to medical services provided to team members and team personnel, and only for 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.