

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to health care practitioner
 3 regulation; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the
 4 definition of the term "medical director" to include
 5 certain physician assistants and advanced registered
 6 nurse practitioners; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022,
 7 F.S.; authorizing a physician assistant to sign,
 8 certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document that
 9 requires the signature, certification, stamp,
 10 verification, or endorsement of a physician; amending
 11 s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing an advanced registered
 12 nurse practitioner to sign, certify, stamp, verify, or
 13 endorse a document that requires the signature,
 14 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of
 15 a physician; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 400.9905, Florida
 20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 400.9905 Definitions.—

22 (5) "Medical director" means:

23 (a) A physician or physician assistant who is employed or
 24 under contract with a clinic and who maintains a full and
 25 unencumbered physician license in accordance with chapter 458,

26 | chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 or a full and
 27 | unencumbered physician assistant license in accordance with
 28 | chapter 458 or chapter 459; or

29 | (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is
 30 | employed or under contract with a clinic, maintains a full and
 31 | unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in
 32 | accordance with chapter 464, and who is certified under s.
 33 | 464.012.

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 35 | If a ~~However, if the~~ clinic does not provide services pursuant
 36 | to any of the ~~respective~~ physician or nurse practices acts
 37 | specified ~~listed~~ in this subsection, it may appoint a Florida-
 38 | licensed health care practitioner who does not provide services
 39 | pursuant to those ~~the respective physician practices acts listed~~
 40 | ~~in this subsection~~ to serve as a clinic director who is
 41 | responsible for the clinic's activities. A health care
 42 | practitioner may not serve as the clinic director if the
 43 | services provided at the clinic are beyond the scope of that
 44 | practitioner's license; however, ~~except that~~ a licensee
 45 | specified in s. 456.053(3)(b) who provides only services
 46 | authorized under that paragraph ~~pursuant to s. 456.053(3)(b)~~ may
 47 | serve as clinic director of an entity providing such services ~~as~~
 48 | ~~specified in s. 456.053(3)(b).~~

49 | Section 2. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of
 50 | section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

51 458.347 Physician assistants.—

52 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

53 (i) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
 54 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
 55 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
 56 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
 57 physician.

58 Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (4) of
 59 section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

60 (h) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
 61 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
 62 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
 63 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
 64 physician.

65 Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
 66 section 464.012, Florida Statutes, to read:

67 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
 68 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

69 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall
 70 perform those functions authorized in this section within the
 71 framework of an established protocol that is filed with the
 72 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after
 73 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or
 74 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to
 75 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for

76 | protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees
77 | submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory
78 | standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under
79 | chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain
80 | supervision for directing the specific course of medical
81 | treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced
82 | registered nurse practitioner may:

83 | (f) Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
84 | that requires the signature, certification, stamp,
85 | verification, or endorsement of a physician.

86 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.