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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to performance of physician assistants
3 and advanced registered nurse practitioners; amending
4 ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; authorizing a physician
5 assistant to sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse
6 a document that requires the signature, certification,
7 stamp, verification, or endorsement of a physician;
8 providing an exception; amending s. 464.012, F.S.;
9 authorizing an advanced registered nurse practitioner
10 to sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
11 that requires the signature, certification, stamp,
12 verification, or endorsement of a physician within the
13 framework of an established protocol and under
14 supervision; providing an exception; providing an
15 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. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of
20 section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 458.347 Physician assistants.—

22 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

23 (i) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
24 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
25 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
26 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
27 physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
28 delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
29 patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.

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30 394.463(2)(f).

31 Section 2. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (4) of
32 section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

33 459.022 Physician assistants.—

34 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

35 (h) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
36 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
37 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
38 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
39 physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
40 delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
41 patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.
42 394.463(2)(f).

43 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 464.012, Florida
44 Statutes, is amended to read:

45 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
46 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

47 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall perform
48 those functions authorized in this section within the framework
49 of an established protocol which must be maintained on site at
50 the location or locations at which an advanced registered nurse
51 practitioner practices. In the case of multiple supervising
52 physicians in the same group, an advanced registered nurse
53 practitioner must enter into a supervisory protocol with at
54 least one physician within the physician group practice. A
55 practitioner currently licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459,
56 or chapter 466 shall maintain supervision for directing the
57 specific course of medical treatment. Within the established
58 framework, an advanced registered nurse practitioner may:

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59 (a) Prescribe, dispense, administer, or order any drug;
60 however, an advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe
61 or dispense a controlled substance as defined in s. 893.03 only
62 if the advanced registered nurse practitioner has graduated from
63 a program leading to a master's or doctoral degree in a clinical
64 nursing specialty area with training in specialized practitioner
65 skills.

66 (b) Initiate appropriate therapies for certain conditions.

67 (c) Perform additional functions as may be determined by
68 rule in accordance with s. 464.003(2).

69 (d) Order diagnostic tests and physical and occupational
70 therapy.

71 (e) Order any medication for administration to a patient in
72 a facility licensed under chapter 395 or part II of chapter 400,
73 notwithstanding any provisions in chapter 465 or chapter 893.

74 (f) Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
75 that requires the signature, certification, stamp, verification,
76 or endorsement of a physician, except that the supervisory
77 physician may not delegate the authority to issue a written
78 approval to release a patient from a receiving facility or its
79 contractor under s. 394.463(2)(f).

80 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.