

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 469 — Patient Care in Health Care Facilities

by Finance and Facilities Subcommittee and Rep. Trabulsy and others (CS/CS/SB 718 by Rules Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Bradley)

The bill amends two sections of the Florida Statutes regarding authorization for unlicensed persons to assist patients or residents in the self-administration of medication in home health settings and in assisted living facilities (ALF), respectively. The bill amends s. 400.488, F.S., to allow an unlicensed person in a home health setting to assist a patient with the same kinds of self-administration of medication tasks that are allowed in an ALF under preexisting law. Additionally, the bill reorganizes several of the items currently listed under the self-administration of medication into a new category labeled as “other tasks” in both ss. 400.488 and 429.256, F.S.

The bill makes changes to several sections of the Florida Statutes regarding the treatment of prefilled insulin syringes or pens to allow unlicensed persons to bring such syringe or pen to a patient or resident from where it is stored in a home health setting or in an ALF, and to allow registered nurses to delegate the administration of insulin which is prefilled into such syringe or pen to a certified nursing assistant (CNA) or home health aide and to delegate the administration of specified medication to a CNA or home health aide in a local county detention facility.

The bill also amends several sections of the Florida Statutes relating to the transport of patients by Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support services to require that permitted Advanced Life Support ambulances must be occupied by at least two specified medical personnel when conducting inter-facility transfers of patients and to make conforming changes.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0