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Senator Barbara Sharief Files Bill Clarifying Use of Nursing Titles

Davie, FL – Florida State Senator Barbara Sharief (D-35) has filed **SB 36**, legislation to ensure clarity and professionalism in the use of nursing titles. The bill allows licensed nurses in Florida to use professional titles such as **Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)** or **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** and requires doctoral degree holders to **specify their profession** when using the term “doctor.”

“Professional titles are an important part of trust in healthcare,” said Senator Sharief. “This bill ensures that nurses can use their earned titles accurately, while the public clearly understands their professional role.”

If passed, SB 36 will take effect **July 1, 2026**.

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