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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Bennett moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 2228 and 2229  
insert:

Section 47. A medical professional who has received the education, continuing education, training, and licensing of a nurse practitioner under chapter 464, Florida Statutes; an optometrist under chapter 463, Florida Statutes; or a dental hygienist under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, shall be permitted to practice to the full extent of his or her training and education in order to reduce costs to the state health care system and provide safe and efficient patient evaluation and care. The Department of Health shall adopt rules to allow these



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14 licensees to practice at a level that takes into account the  
15 full extent of the licensee's education and training in order to  
16 reduce duplicative and unnecessary referrals and reduce costs to  
17 the state Medicaid and Medicare programs, as well as the costs  
18 of providing health coverage to state and local governmental  
19 employees.

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21 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 Delete line 223

24 and insert:

25 participate for medical reasons; requiring the  
26 Department of Health to adopt rules to allow medical  
27 professionals who have received education, training,  
28 and licensing as a nurse practitioner, optometrist, or  
29 dental hygienist to practice to the full extent of  
30 their training and education; providing an effective