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; providing
11	an exception; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing
12	an advanced registered nurse practitioner to sign,
13	certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document that
14	requires the signature, certification, stamp,
15	verification, or endorsement of a physician; providing
16	an exception; providing an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 400.9905, Florida
21	Statutes, is amended to read:
22	400.9905 Definitions
23	(5) "Medical director" means <u>:</u>
24	(a) A physician or physician assistant who is employed or
25	under contract with a clinic and who maintains a full and
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26 unencumbered physician license in accordance with chapter 458, 27 chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 or a full and 28 unencumbered physician assistant license in accordance with 29 chapter 458 or chapter 459; or 30 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is 31 employed or under contract with a clinic, maintains a full and 32 unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in accordance with chapter 464, and who is certified under s. 33 34 464.012. 35 36 If a However, if the clinic does not provide services pursuant to any of the respective physician or nurse practices acts 37 38 specified listed in this subsection, it may appoint a Florida-39 licensed health care practitioner who does not provide services pursuant to those the respective physician practices acts listed 40 in this subsection to serve as a clinic director who is 41 42 responsible for the clinic's activities. A health care 43 practitioner may not serve as the clinic director if the 44 services provided at the clinic are beyond the scope of that 45 practitioner's license; however, except that a licensee 46 specified in s. 456.053(3)(b) who provides only services 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 50 Section 2. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of

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51	section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:
52	458.347 Physician assistants
53	(4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
54	(i) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
55	physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
56	verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
57	certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
58	physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
59	delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
60	patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.
61	<u>394.463(2)(f).</u>
62	Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (4) of
63	section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:
64	459.022 Physician assistants
65	(4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
66	(h) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
67	physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
68	verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
69	certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
70	physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
71	delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
72	patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.
73	<u>394.463(2)(f).</u>
74	Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
75	section 464.012, Florida Statutes, to read:
	Section 404.012, Fibilida Statutes, to lead.

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76 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse 77 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.-78 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall 79 perform those functions authorized in this section within the 80 framework of an established protocol that is filed with the 81 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after 82 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or 83 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to 84 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees 85 86 submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under 87 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain 88 89 supervision for directing the specific course of medical 90 treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced registered nurse practitioner may: 91 92 Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document (f) 93 that requires the signature, certification, stamp, 94 verification, or endorsement of a physician. However, an 95 advanced registered nurse practitioner may not issue a written 96 approval to release a patient from a receiving facility or its 97 contractor under s. 394.463(2)(f), unless he or she is a psychiatric nurse as defined in s. 394.455(35) and is acting 98 within the authority granted under s. 394.463. 99 100 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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