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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Jones moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 34

insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (16) through (28) of section 429.02, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (17) through (29), respectively, a new subsection (16) is added to that section, and subsection (12) of that section is amended, to read:

429.02 Definitions.—When used in this part, the term:

(12) "Extended congregate care" means acts beyond those



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12 authorized in subsection (19) ~~(18)~~ which may be performed  
13 pursuant to part I of chapter 464 by persons licensed thereunder  
14 while carrying out their professional duties, and other  
15 supportive services that may be specified by rule. The purpose  
16 of such services is to enable residents to age in place in a  
17 residential environment despite mental or physical limitations  
18 that might otherwise disqualify them from residency in a  
19 facility licensed under this part.

20 (16) "Medication technician" means an unlicensed staff  
21 member who has completed 6 hours of training. A medication  
22 technician may provide assistance with a resident's self-  
23 administration of medications and with his or her use of point-  
24 of-care devices.

25 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 429.52, Florida  
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 429.52 Staff training and educational requirements.—

28 (6) Medication technicians shall ~~Staff assisting with the~~  
29 ~~self-administration of medications under s. 429.256 must~~  
30 complete a minimum of 6 additional hours of training provided by  
31 a registered nurse or a licensed pharmacist before providing  
32 assistance. Two hours of continuing education are required  
33 annually thereafter. The agency shall establish by rule the  
34 minimum requirements of medication technician ~~this training,~~  
35 which must address infection control, safe handling and use of  
36 point-of-care devices, communicating with case managers and  
37 health care providers, standard of care protocols for the  
38 provision of care in a licensed assisted living facility,  
39 identification of nursing standards, and methods of assisting  
40 residents with the self-administration of medications.



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

43 And the title is amended as follows:

44       Delete line 2

45 and insert:

46       An act relating to physician assistants; amending s.  
47       429.02, F.S.; defining the term "medication  
48       technician"; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; providing  
49       minimum requirements and specifications for training  
50       of medication technicians; amending ss.