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1 A bill to be entitled

An act relating to medication technicians; amending s. 429.02, F.S.; defining the term "medication technician"; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; providing minimum requirements and specifications for training of medication technicians; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

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

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(12) "Extended congregate care" means acts beyond those authorized in subsection (19) (18) which may be performed pursuant to part I of chapter 464 by persons licensed thereunder while carrying out their professional duties, and other supportive services that may be specified by rule. The purpose of such services is to enable residents to age in place in a residential environment despite mental or physical limitations that might otherwise disqualify them from residency in a

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(16) "Medication technician" means an unlicensed staff

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facility licensed under this part.

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member who has completed at least 6 hours of training. A medication technician may provide assistance with a resident's self-administration of medications and with his or her use of point-of-care devices.

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

429.52 Staff training and educational requirements.-

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

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.