A bill to be entitled
An act relating to collaborative practice of certified
registered nurse anesthetists; amending s. 395.0191,
F.S.; authorizing an advanced practice registered
nurse who is certified as a registered nurse
anesthetist to administer anesthesia in collaboration
with specified licensed physicians; amending s.
464.003, F.S.; revising and providing definitions;
amending s. 464.012, F.S.; revising general functions
a certified nurse anesthetist may perform in
collaboration with specified licensed health care
practitioners; amending s. 960.28, F.S.; conforming a
cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
395.0191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—
(2)
(b) An advanced practice registered nurse who is certified
as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of
chapter 464 shall administer anesthesia in collaboration with
under the onsite medical direction of a health care practitioner
professional licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
466. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "collaboration" has the same meaning as provided in s. 464.003, and in accordance with an established protocol approved by the medical staff. The medical direction shall specifically address the needs of the individual patient.

Section 2. Subsections (10) through (22) of section 464.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (11) through (23), respectively, subsection (2) is amended, and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(2) "Advanced or specialized nursing practice" means, in addition to the practice of professional nursing, the performance of advanced-level nursing acts approved by the board which, by virtue of postbasic specialized education, training, and experience, are appropriately performed by an advanced practice registered nurse. Within the context of advanced or specialized nursing practice, the advanced practice registered nurse may perform acts of nursing diagnosis and nursing treatment of alterations of the health status. The advanced practice registered nurse may also perform acts of medical diagnosis and treatment, prescription, and operation as authorized within the framework of an established supervisory protocol or in collaboration with a licensed health care practitioner as provided under s. 464.012. The department may, by rule, require that a copy of the protocol be filed with the
department along with the notice required by s. 458.348.

(10) "Collaboration" means the collaborative relationship between a health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466, who is performing a medical or surgical procedure or directly involved in such procedure, and an advanced practice registered nurse who is certified as a registered nurse anesthetist performing the functions described in s. 464.012(4)(b) before, during, or after a medical or surgical procedure. The term includes the joint formulation and discussion of patient treatment, in which each health care practitioner contributes his or her respective expertise in the management and delivery of health care.

Section 3. Subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 464.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

464.012 Licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

(3) An advanced practice registered nurse shall perform those functions authorized in this section within the framework of an established protocol that must be maintained on site at the location or locations at which an advanced practice registered nurse practices, unless the advanced practice registered nurse is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123, or is certified and practicing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in collaboration with a licensed health care practitioner. In the case of multiple supervising physicians in
the same group, an advanced practice registered nurse must enter
into a supervisory protocol with at least one physician within
the physician group practice. A practitioner currently licensed
under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain
supervision for directing the specific course of medical
treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced
practice registered nurse may:

(a) Prescribe, dispense, administer, or order any drug;
however, an advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe or
dispense a controlled substance as defined in s. 893.03 only if
the advanced practice registered nurse has graduated from a
program leading to a master’s or doctoral degree in a clinical
nursing specialty area with training in specialized practitioner
skills.

(b) Initiate appropriate therapies for certain conditions.

(c) Perform additional functions as may be determined by
rule in accordance with s. 464.003(2).

(d) Order diagnostic tests and physical and occupational
therapy.

(e) Order any medication for administration to a patient
in a facility licensed under chapter 395 or part II of chapter
400, notwithstanding any provisions in chapter 465 or chapter
893.

(4) In addition to the general functions specified in
subsection (3), an advanced practice registered nurse may
perform the following acts within his or her specialty:

(b) The certified registered nurse anesthetist may, in collaboration with a licensed health care practitioner to the extent authorized by established protocol approved by the medical staff of the facility in which the anesthetic service is performed, perform any or all of the following:

1. Determine the health status of the patient as it relates to the risk factors and to the anesthetic management of the patient through the performance of the general functions.

2. Based on history, physical assessment, and supplemental laboratory results, determine, with the consent of the responsible physician, the appropriate type of anesthesia within the framework of the protocol.

3. Order under the protocol preanesthetic medication.

4. Perform under the protocol procedures commonly used to render the patient insensible to pain during the performance of surgical, obstetrical, therapeutic, or diagnostic clinical procedures. These procedures include ordering and administering regional, spinal, and general anesthesia; inhalation agents and techniques; intravenous agents and techniques; and techniques of hypnosis.

5. Order or perform monitoring procedures indicated as pertinent to the anesthetic health care management of the patient.

6. Support life functions during anesthesia health care,
including induction and intubation procedures, the use of
appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of
fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.

7. Recognize and take appropriate corrective action for
abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,
or other forms of therapy.

8. Recognize and treat a cardiac arrhythmia while the
patient is under anesthetic care.

9. Participate in management of the patient while in the
postanesthesia recovery area, including ordering the
administration of fluids and drugs.

10. Place special peripheral and central venous and
arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 960.28, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

960.28 Payment for victims' initial forensic physical
examinations.—

(2) The Crime Victims' Services Office of the department
shall pay for medical expenses connected with an initial
forensic physical examination of a victim of sexual battery as
defined in chapter 794 or a lewd or lascivious offense as
defined in chapter 800. Such payment shall be made regardless of
whether the victim is covered by health or disability insurance
and whether the victim participates in the criminal justice
system or cooperates with law enforcement. The payment shall be
made only out of moneys allocated to the Crime Victims' Services Office for the purposes of this section, and the payment may not exceed $1,000 with respect to any violation. The department shall develop and maintain separate protocols for the initial forensic physical examination of adults and children. Payment under this section is limited to medical expenses connected with the initial forensic physical examination, and payment may be made to a medical provider using an examiner qualified under part I of chapter 464, excluding s. 464.003(16); s. 464.003(15); chapter 458; or chapter 459. Payment made to the medical provider by the department shall be considered by the provider as payment in full for the initial forensic physical examination associated with the collection of evidence. The victim may not be required to pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of an initial forensic physical examination performed in accordance with this section.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.