

By Senator Rodriguez

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to autonomous practice by a certified  
registered nurse anesthetist; amending s. 395.0191,  
F.S.; revising staff membership and clinical  
privileges for certain certified registered nurse  
anesthetists; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing  
certain certified registered nurse anesthetists to  
perform specified acts under certain circumstances;  
amending s. 464.0123, F.S.; revising practice  
requirements for autonomous advanced practice  
registered nurses; authorizing autonomous advanced  
practice registered nurses to perform certain acts;  
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 under the onsite medical  
direction of a professional licensed under chapter 458, chapter  
459, or chapter 466, and in accordance with an established  
protocol approved by the medical staff. The medical direction  
shall specifically address the needs of the individual patient.  
This paragraph does not apply to an autonomous advanced practice  
registered nurse registered under s. 464.0123 who is certified

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as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of chapter 464; however, a facility may require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123 to perform acts under an established protocol approved by the medical staff or the governing board of the facility.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 464.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(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) A ~~The~~ certified registered nurse anesthetist ~~may~~, to the extent authorized by an established protocol approved by the medical staff of the facility in which the anesthetic service is performed, or a certified registered nurse anesthetist that is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123 without an established protocol, may 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 under ~~within the framework of the protocol~~ unless the certified registered nurse anesthetist is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123 without an established protocol.

3. Order ~~under the protocol~~ preanesthetic medication under

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the protocol unless the certified registered nurse anesthetist is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123 without an established protocol.

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 under the protocol unless the certified registered nurse anesthetist is registered and practicing under s. 464.0123 without an established protocol. 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.

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89 A certified registered nurse anesthetist registered and  
90 practicing under s. 464.0123 without an established protocol may  
91 only perform acts authorized under part I of this chapter.

92 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
93 464.0123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

94 464.0123 Autonomous practice by an advanced practice  
95 registered nurse.—

96 (3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

97 (a) An advanced practice registered nurse who is registered  
98 under this section may:

99 1. Engage in autonomous practice only in primary care  
100 practice, including family medicine, general pediatrics, and  
101 general internal medicine, as defined by board rule.

102 2. For certified nurse midwives, engage in autonomous  
103 practice in the performance of the acts listed in s.  
104 464.012(4)(c).

105 3. Perform the general functions of an advanced practice  
106 registered nurse under s. 464.012(3) related to primary care.

107 4. For certified registered nurse anesthetists registered  
108 and practicing under this section, perform the acts listed in s.  
109 464.012(4)(b).

110 5.4. For a patient who requires the services of a health  
111 care facility, as defined in s. 408.032(8):

112 a. Admit the patient to the facility.  
113 b. Manage the care received by the patient in the facility.  
114 c. Discharge the patient from the facility, unless  
115 prohibited by federal law or rule.

116 6.5. Provide a signature, certification, stamp,

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117 verification, affidavit, or endorsement that is otherwise  
118 required by law to be provided by a physician, except an  
119 advanced practice registered nurse registered under this section  
120 may not issue a physician certification under s. 381.986.

121 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.