

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the administration of medications  
3       by pharmacists; creating s. 465.1894, F.S.;  
4       authorizing pharmacists, at the direction of certain  
5       licensed physicians, to administer medications under  
6       certain circumstances; providing recordkeeping  
7       requirements; requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt  
8       rules; amending s. 395.0197, F.S.; requiring  
9       facilities to maintain documentation relating to  
10      pharmacist qualifications; providing an effective  
11      date.

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

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15       **Section 1.   Section 465.1894, Florida Statutes, is created**  
16   **to read:**

17       465.1894 Administration of medications.—

18       (1) A pharmacist, at the direction of a physician licensed  
19   under chapter 458 or chapter 459, who meets the following  
20   qualifications may administer medications to a patient during a  
21   life-threatening emergency event at a Level I, Level II, or  
22   pediatric trauma center when delegated to perform such task:

23       (a) The pharmacist has completed an accredited  
24   postgraduate residency training program; or

25       (b) The pharmacist has completed at least 3 years of

26 direct patient care in a hospital setting.

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28 A trauma center that permits a physician to delegate the  
29 administration of medication to a pharmacist must maintain  
30 records pursuant to s. 395.0197(5) including, but not limited  
31 to, documentation that the administering pharmacist meets the  
32 requirements of this section.

33 (2) The board shall adopt rules to administer this  
34 section.

35 **Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
36 **395.0197, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

37 395.0197 Internal risk management program.—

38 (1) Every licensed facility shall, as a part of its  
39 administrative functions, establish an internal risk management  
40 program that includes all of the following components:

41 (b) The development of appropriate measures to minimize  
42 the risk of adverse incidents to patients, including, but not  
43 limited to:

44 1. Risk management and risk prevention education and  
45 training of all nonphysician personnel as follows:

46 a. Such education and training of all nonphysician  
47 personnel as part of their initial orientation; and

48 b. At least 1 hour of such education and training annually  
49 for all personnel of the licensed facility working in clinical  
50 areas and providing patient care, except those persons licensed

51 as health care practitioners who are required to complete  
52 continuing education coursework pursuant to chapter 456 or the  
53 respective practice act.

54       2. A prohibition, except when emergency circumstances  
55 require otherwise, against a staff member of the licensed  
56 facility attending a patient in the recovery room, unless the  
57 staff member is authorized to attend the patient in the recovery  
58 room and is in the company of at least one other person.  
59 However, a licensed facility is exempt from the two-person  
60 requirement if it has:

- 61           a. Live visual observation;
- 62           b. Electronic observation; or
- 63           c. Any other reasonable measure taken to ensure patient  
64 protection and privacy.

65       3. A prohibition against an unlicensed person from  
66 assisting or participating in any surgical procedure unless the  
67 facility has authorized the person to do so following a  
68 competency assessment, and such assistance or participation is  
69 done under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed  
70 physician and is not otherwise an activity that may only be  
71 performed by a licensed health care practitioner.

72       4. Development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of  
73 procedures, protocols, and systems to accurately identify  
74 patients, planned procedures, and the correct site of the  
75 planned procedure so as to minimize the performance of a

76 surgical procedure on the wrong patient, a wrong surgical  
77 procedure, a wrong-site surgical procedure, or a surgical  
78 procedure otherwise unrelated to the patient's diagnosis or  
79 medical condition.

80 5. For a Level I, Level II, or pediatric trauma center,  
81 development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of  
82 procedures, protocols, and systems to permit and comply with  
83 pharmacist administration of medications to a patient during a  
84 life-threatening emergency event, if the facility permits the  
85 delegation of such task pursuant to s. 465.1894.

86 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.