



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/03/2026	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (Sharief) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete lines 16 - 24

4 and insert:

5                   (10) A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and  
6                   holds a doctoral degree may use the title "Doctor of Nursing  
7                   Practice" and the abbreviation "D.N.P." or the title "Doctor of  
8                   Philosophy" and the abbreviation "Ph.D." in a manner consistent  
9                   with the doctoral degree such person has obtained. A nurse who  
10                   holds a doctoral degree may not use the title "doctor" in a



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11 clinical setting without clearly specifying his or her  
12 profession.

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

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 Delete lines 3 - 8

17 and insert:

18 titles; amending s. 464.015, F.S.; authorizing  
19 licensed nurses who hold a doctoral degree to use  
20 specified titles and abbreviations in a specified  
21 manner; prohibiting nurses who hold a doctoral degree  
22 from using a specified title in the clinical setting  
23 without clearly specifying their profession; providing  
24 an effective date.