

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 requirements for 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.; authorizing certain autonomous
advanced practice registered nurses to perform
specified acts as part of their autonomous practice;
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
as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of

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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 who 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 the protocol, unless the certified registered nurse anesthetist

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

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

464.0123 Autonomous practice by an advanced practice registered nurse.—

(3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. Admit the patient to the facility.

b. Manage the care received by the patient in the facility.

c. Discharge the patient from the facility, unless prohibited by federal law or rule.

~~6.5.~~ Provide a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement that is otherwise

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117 required by law to be provided by a physician, except an
118 advanced practice registered nurse registered under this section
119 may not issue a physician certification under s. 381.986.

120 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.