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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to psychiatric nurses; amending s.
 394.455, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
 "psychiatric nurse" to require specified national
 certification and performance according to a certain
 protocol; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing a
 psychiatric nurse to approve the involuntary
 examination or release of a patient from a receiving
 facility under certain circumstances; providing an
 effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (23) of section 394.455, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

394.455 Definitions.—As used in this part, unless the
 context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

(23) "Psychiatric nurse" means an advanced a registered
nurse practitioner certified under s. 464.012 who has a master's
or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing, holds a national
advanced practice certification as a psychiatric mental health
advanced practice nurse, has licensed under part I of chapter
~~464 who has a master's degree or a doctorate in psychiatric~~
~~nursing and 2 years of post-master's clinical experience under~~
~~the supervision of a physician, and performs within the~~
framework of an established protocol with a psychiatrist.

27 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
 28 394.463, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 394.463 Involuntary examination.—

30 (2) INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION.—

31 (f) A patient shall be examined by a physician, a ~~or~~
 32 clinical psychologist, or a psychiatric nurse at a receiving
 33 facility without unnecessary delay and may, upon the order of a
 34 physician, be given emergency treatment if it is determined that
 35 such treatment is necessary for the safety of the patient or
 36 others. The patient may not be released by the receiving
 37 facility or its contractor without the documented approval of a
 38 psychiatrist or, a clinical psychologist, or, if the receiving
 39 facility is owned or operated by a hospital or health system,
 40 the release may also be approved by a psychiatric nurse or an
 41 attending emergency department physician with experience in the
 42 diagnosis and treatment of mental and nervous disorders and
 43 after completion of an involuntary examination pursuant to this
 44 subsection. A psychiatric nurse may not approve the release of a
 45 patient if the involuntary examination was initiated by a
 46 psychiatrist unless the release is approved by the certifying
 47 psychiatrist. However, a patient may not be held in a receiving
 48 facility for involuntary examination longer than 72 hours.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.