

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to advanced registered nurse
 3 practitioners; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising
 4 the definition of the term "medical director" to
 5 include certain advanced registered nurse
 6 practitioners; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing
 7 an advanced registered nurse practitioner to sign,
 8 certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document that
 9 requires the signature, certification, stamp,
 10 verification, or endorsement of a physician; providing
 11 an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 400.9905, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 400.9905 Definitions.—

18 (5) "Medical director" means:

19 (a) A physician who is employed or under contract with a
 20 clinic and who maintains a full and unencumbered physician
 21 license in accordance with chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
 22 460, or chapter 461; or

23 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is
 24 employed or under contract with a clinic, maintains a full and
 25 unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in

26 accordance with chapter 464, and who is certified in advanced or
 27 specialized nursing practice under chapter 464.

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 29 If a ~~However, if the~~ clinic does not provide services pursuant
 30 to any of the ~~respective~~ physician or nurse practices acts
 31 specified ~~listed~~ in this subsection, it may appoint a Florida-
 32 licensed health care practitioner who does not provide services
 33 pursuant to those ~~the respective physician practices acts listed~~
 34 ~~in this subsection~~ to serve as a clinic director who is
 35 responsible for the clinic's activities. A health care
 36 practitioner may not serve as the clinic director if the
 37 services provided at the clinic are beyond the scope of that
 38 practitioner's license; however, ~~except that~~ a licensee
 39 specified in s. 456.053(3) (b) who provides only services
 40 authorized under that paragraph ~~pursuant to s. 456.053(3) (b)~~ may
 41 serve as clinic director of an entity providing such services ~~as~~
 42 ~~specified in s. 456.053(3) (b).~~

43 Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
 44 section 464.012, Florida Statutes, to read:

45 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
 46 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

47 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall
 48 perform those functions authorized in this section within the
 49 framework of an established protocol that is filed with the
 50 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after

51 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or
52 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to
53 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for
54 protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees
55 submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory
56 standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under
57 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain
58 supervision for directing the specific course of medical
59 treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced
60 registered nurse practitioner may:

61 (f) Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
62 that requires the signature, certification, stamp,
63 verification, or endorsement of a physician.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.