

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance and Senator Silver

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care; amending s.  
3           627.6472, F.S., and creating s. 641.3923, F.S.;  
4           prohibiting exclusive provider organizations  
5           and health maintenance organizations from  
6           discriminating against participation by  
7           licensed and certified advanced registered  
8           nurse practitioners solely on the basis of such  
9           license or certification; providing an  
10          effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section  
15 627.6472, Florida Statutes, to read:

16           627.6472 Exclusive provider organizations.--  
17           (17) An exclusive provider organization shall not  
18 discriminate with respect to participation as to any advanced  
19 registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified pursuant  
20 to s. 464.012, who is acting within the scope of such license  
21 and certification, solely on the basis of such license or  
22 certification. This subsection shall not be construed to  
23 prohibit a plan from including providers only to the extent  
24 necessary to meet the needs of the plan's enrollees or from  
25 establishing any measure designed to maintain quality and  
26 control costs consistent with the responsibilities of the  
27 plan.

28           Section 2. Section 641.3923, Florida Statutes, is  
29 created to read:

30           641.3923 Discrimination against providers  
31 prohibited.--A health maintenance organization shall not

1 discriminate with respect to participation as to any advanced  
2 registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified pursuant  
3 to s. 464.012, who is acting within the scope of such license  
4 and certification, solely on the basis of such license or  
5 certification. This section shall not be construed to prohibit  
6 a plan from including providers only to the extent necessary  
7 to meet the needs of the plan's enrollees or from establishing  
8 any measure designed to maintain quality and control costs  
9 consistent with the responsibilities of the plan.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
11 law.

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13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
15 Senate Bill 2146

16 Limits the scope of the bill to prohibiting health maintenance  
17 organizations and insurers issuing policies through exclusive  
18 provider organizations from discriminating with respect to  
19 participation as to any advanced registered nurse practitioner  
20 licensed and certified pursuant to state law, who is acting  
21 within the scope of such license or certification, solely on  
22 the basis of such licensure or certification.  
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