

By Representative Dawson-White

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to drug abuse prevention and  
3           control; amending s. 893.02, F.S.; revising the  
4           definition of the term "practitioner" to  
5           include advanced registered nurse  
6           practitioners; creating s. 893.0357, F.S.;  
7           providing requirements for an advanced  
8           registered nurse practitioner to apply for a  
9           controlled substance registry number; providing  
10          for establishment of such requirements by a  
11          multidisciplinary committee; providing for  
12          appointment and duties of such committee;  
13          requiring the Board of Nursing to adopt such  
14          requirements as a rule and to make the  
15          determination as to whether an advanced  
16          registered nurse practitioner has met such  
17          requirements; providing for prior review and  
18          approval of changes to such requirements;  
19          providing an effective date.

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

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23           Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 893.02, Florida  
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25           893.02 Definitions.--The following words and phrases  
26 as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings,  
27 unless the context otherwise requires:

28           (18) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed  
29 pursuant to chapter 458, a dentist licensed pursuant to  
30 chapter 466, a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 474,  
31 an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 459, a

1 naturopath licensed pursuant to chapter 462, an advanced  
2 registered nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to chapter 464  
3 and subject to the provisions of ss. 464.012 and 893.0357, or  
4 a podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 461, provided such  
5 practitioner holds a valid federal controlled substance  
6 registry number.

7 Section 2. Section 893.0357, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9 893.0357 Advanced registered nurse practitioner  
10 application for controlled substance registry number;  
11 multidisciplinary committee.--

12 (1) An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed  
13 and certified under chapter 464 may apply for a controlled  
14 substance registry number upon meeting all of the following  
15 requirements:

16 (a) Satisfactory completion of educational course  
17 requirements relating to the prescription of controlled  
18 substances, as determined appropriate by the multidisciplinary  
19 committee created in subsection (2).

20 (b) Documentation of required experience prescribing  
21 medications other than controlled substances, as determined  
22 appropriate by the multidisciplinary committee created in  
23 subsection (2).

24 (2) There is created a five-member multidisciplinary  
25 committee, consisting of one representative of each of the  
26 following boards, appointed by the board: Board of Nursing,  
27 Board of Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Board of  
28 Dentistry, and Board of Pharmacy. Any vacancy on the committee  
29 shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
30 appointment. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
31 provide staff support for the committee. The committee shall

1 meet as necessary to determine, and approve changes to, the  
2 educational course and experience requirements appropriate for  
3 advanced registered nurse practitioners to apply for a  
4 controlled substance registry number for purposes of  
5 prescribing controlled substances. The educational course and  
6 experience requirements determined appropriate by the  
7 committee shall be adopted by the Board of Nursing by rule,  
8 and the Board of Nursing shall determine whether an advanced  
9 registered nurse practitioner has met such requirements. Any  
10 proposed changes to such requirements must be reviewed and  
11 approved by the committee prior to being adopted by rule.

12           Section 3. With respect to section 893.0357, Florida  
13 Statutes, as created by this act, the initial members of the  
14 multidisciplinary committee created therein must be appointed  
15 on or before October 1, 1998, and the initial educational and  
16 experience requirements for advanced registered nurse  
17 practitioners to apply for a controlled substance registry  
18 number must be determined by the multidisciplinary committee  
19 on or before March 1, 1999.

20           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
21 law.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

For purposes of authorizing advanced registered nurse practitioners to prescribe controlled substances, revises the definition of the term "practitioner," as used in chapter 893, F.S., relating to drug abuse prevention and control, to include advanced registered nurse practitioners, and provides requirements for an advanced registered nurse practitioner to apply for a controlled substance registry number. Provides for establishment of such requirements by a multidisciplinary committee and provides for appointment and duties of such committee. Requires the Board of Nursing to adopt such requirements as a rule and to make the determination as to whether an advanced registered nurse practitioner has met such requirements. Provides for prior review and approval of changes to such requirements. See bill for details.