

By Representative Argenziano

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to pharmacy; amending s.
3 465.003, F.S.; expanding the definition of the
4 term "practice of the profession of pharmacy";
5 creating s. 465.188, F.S.; authorizing and
6 providing requirements for a pharmacist to
7 initiate or modify drug therapy and therapeutic
8 management; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 465.003, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 465.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
15 term:

16 (12) "Practice of the profession of pharmacy" includes
17 compounding, dispensing, and consulting concerning contents,
18 therapeutic values, and uses of any medicinal drug;~~and~~
19 consulting concerning therapeutic values and interactions of
20 patent or proprietary preparations, whether pursuant to
21 prescriptions or in the absence and entirely independent of
22 such prescriptions or orders; and other pharmaceutical
23 services. The phrase also includes any other act, service,
24 operation, research, or transaction incidental to, or forming
25 a part of, any of the foregoing acts, requiring, involving, or
26 employing the science or art of any branch of the
27 pharmaceutical profession, study, or training, and shall
28 expressly permit a pharmacist to transmit information from
29 persons authorized to prescribe medicinal drugs to their
30 patients. In addition to the authority under s. 465.186 to
31 order and dispense medicinal drugs independently of an

1 established protocol, a pharmacist practicing under this
2 chapter may initiate or modify any drug therapy and
3 therapeutic management which is authorized within the
4 framework of a written protocol established with an authorized
5 supervisory practitioner.

6 Section 2. Section 465.188, Florida Statutes, is
7 created to read:

8 465.188 Initiation and modification of drug therapy
9 and therapeutic management by pharmacist.--In addition to the
10 provisions of this chapter that allow a pharmacist to perform
11 pharmaceutical services independently of an established
12 protocol, a pharmacist may initiate or modify drug therapy and
13 therapeutic management, including the administering of
14 immunizations, pursuant to a written protocol established with
15 a supervisory practitioner who is a physician licensed under
16 chapter 458 or chapter 459. The supervisory practitioner may
17 delegate to any pharmacist licensed under this chapter the
18 authority to initiate or modify the drug therapy and
19 therapeutic management of the practitioner's patients, but
20 only if such therapy and management is within the framework of
21 a written protocol established between such practitioner and
22 pharmacist. A pharmacist who, pursuant to such a protocol, has
23 accepted authority to initiate or modify drug therapy and
24 therapeutic management under this section must:

25 (1) Clearly inform the patient that she or he is a
26 pharmacist and that the patient has the right to see the
27 supervisory practitioner prior to initiation or modification
28 of the drug therapy and therapeutic management by the
29 pharmacist.

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