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See HB

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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1 (2) Maintain, and keep readily retrievable, copies of
2 current agreements and protocols signed by the supervising
3 practitioner and pharmacist.

4 (3) Issue the prescription or order in a form that
5 complies with rules adopted by the board.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1 of the
7 year in which enacted.

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10 HOUSE SUMMARY

11 Expands the definition of the term "practice of the
12 profession of pharmacy" to include other pharmaceutical
13 services, including certain research, and the initiation
14 and modification of drug therapy and therapeutic
15 management under a written protocol established with an
16 authorized practitioner. Authorizes and provides
17 requirements for a pharmacist to initiate or modify drug
18 therapy and therapeutic management under such a protocol.
19 See bill for details.