

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to health care in medically underserved  
 3           areas; amending s. 893.02, F.S.; redefining the term  
 4           "practitioner" to include an advanced registered nurse  
 5           practitioner; authorizing an advanced registered nurse  
 6           practitioner to prescribe certain controlled substances  
 7           under a protocol with a licensed physician; providing an  
 8           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 (19) of section 893.02, Florida  
 13           Statutes, is amended to read:

14           893.02 Definitions.--The following words and phrases as  
 15           used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless  
 16           the context otherwise requires:

17           (19) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed under  
 18           ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 458, a dentist licensed under ~~pursuant to~~  
 19           chapter 466, a veterinarian licensed under ~~pursuant to~~ chapter  
 20           474, an osteopathic physician licensed under ~~pursuant to~~ chapter  
 21           459, a naturopath licensed under ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 462, ~~or~~ a  
 22           podiatric physician licensed under ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 461, or  
 23           an advanced registered nurse practitioner certified under s.  
 24           464.012 whose practice is located within a medically underserved  
 25           area or who provides care to a medically underserved population  
 26           as designated by the Health Resources and Services  
 27           Administration of the United States Department of Health and  
 28           Human Services if ~~provided~~ such practitioner holds a valid

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29 federal controlled substance registry number. An advanced  
30 registered nurse practitioner certified under s. 464.012 whose  
31 practice is located within a medically underserved area or who  
32 provides care to a medically underserved population as  
33 designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration  
34 of the United States Department of Health and Human Services may  
35 prescribe substances listed in Schedule II, Schedule III,  
36 Schedule IV, or Schedule V of s. 893.03 to the extent authorized  
37 by a protocol with a physician licensed under chapter 458 or  
38 chapter 459.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.