

By Senator Saunders

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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 an  
23           advanced registered nurse practitioner certified under s. 464.012  
24           whose practice is located within a medically underserved area or  
25           who provides care to a medically underserved population as  
26           designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration of  
27           the United States Department of Health and Human Services if  
28           ~~provided~~ such practitioner holds a valid federal controlled  
29           substance registry number. An advanced registered nurse

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

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