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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 642 and 643
insert:

Section 14. A medical professional who has received the education, continuing education, training, and licensing of a nurse practitioner under chapter 464, Florida Statutes; an optometrist under chapter 463, Florida Statutes; or a dental hygienists under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, shall be permitted to practice to the full extent of his or her training and education in order to reduce costs to the state health care system and provide safe and efficient patient evaluation and care. The Department of Health shall adopt rules to allow these



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14 licensees to practice at a level that takes into account the
15 full extent of the licensee's education and training in order to
16 reduce duplicative and unnecessary referrals and reduce costs to
17 the state Medicaid and Medicare programs, as well as the costs
18 of providing health coverage to state and local governmental
19 employees.

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21 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 Delete line 82

24 and insert:

25 assume administrative costs for the program; requiring
26 the Department of Health to adopt rules to allow
27 certain medical professionals who have received
28 education, training, and licensing as a nurse
29 practitioner, optometrist, or dental hygienist to
30 practice to the full extent of their training and
31 education; repealing