

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Renuart offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
8 458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
9 added to that subsection, to read:

10 458.347 Physician assistants.—

11 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

12 (e) A supervisory physician may delegate to a fully
13 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or
14 dispense any medication used in the supervisory physician's
15 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary
16 created pursuant to paragraph (f). A fully licensed physician
17 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under
18 the following circumstances:

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19 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the
20 patient that he or she is a physician assistant. Furthermore,
21 the physician assistant must inform the patient that the patient
22 has the right to see the physician prior to any prescription
23 being prescribed or dispensed by the physician assistant.

24 2. The supervisory physician must notify the department of
25 his or her intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,
26 before delegating such authority and notify the department of
27 any change in prescriptive privileges of the physician
28 assistant. Authority to dispense may be delegated only by a
29 supervising physician who is registered as a dispensing
30 practitioner in compliance with s. 465.0276.

31 3. The physician assistant must file with the department a
32 signed affidavit that he or she has completed a minimum of 10
33 continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in
34 which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with
35 each licensure renewal application.

36 4. The department may issue a prescriber number to the
37 physician assistant granting authority for the prescribing of
38 medicinal drugs authorized within this paragraph upon completion
39 of the foregoing requirements. The physician assistant shall not
40 be required to independently register pursuant to s. 465.0276.

41 5. The prescription must be written in a form that
42 complies with chapter 499 and must contain, in addition to the
43 supervisory physician's name, address, and telephone number, the
44 physician assistant's prescriber number. Unless it is a drug or
45 drug sample dispensed by the physician assistant, the
46 prescription must be filled in a pharmacy permitted under

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47 chapter 465 and must be dispensed in that pharmacy by a
48 pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The appearance of the
49 prescriber number creates a presumption that the physician
50 assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal drug and the
51 prescription is valid.

52 6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or
53 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

54 ~~7. This paragraph does not prohibit a supervisory~~
55 ~~physician from delegating to a physician assistant the authority~~
56 ~~to order medication for a hospitalized patient of the~~
57 ~~supervisory physician.~~

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59 ~~This paragraph does not apply to facilities licensed pursuant to~~
60 ~~chapter 395.~~

61 (g) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
62 physician assistant the authority to order medications for the
63 supervisory physician's patient during his or her care in a
64 facility licensed under chapter 395, notwithstanding any
65 provisions in chapter 465 or chapter 893 which may prohibit this
66 delegation. For the purpose of this paragraph, an order is not
67 considered a prescription. A licensed physician assistant
68 working in a facility that is licensed under chapter 395 may
69 order any medication under the direction of the supervisory
70 physician.

71 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
72 459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is
73 added to that subsection, to read:

74 459.022 Physician assistants.—

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75 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

76 (e) A supervisory physician may delegate to a fully
77 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or
78 dispense any medication used in the supervisory physician's
79 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary
80 created pursuant to s. 458.347. A fully licensed physician
81 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under
82 the following circumstances:

83 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the
84 patient that she or he is a physician assistant. Furthermore,
85 the physician assistant must inform the patient that the patient
86 has the right to see the physician prior to any prescription
87 being prescribed or dispensed by the physician assistant.

88 2. The supervisory physician must notify the department of
89 her or his intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,
90 before delegating such authority and notify the department of
91 any change in prescriptive privileges of the physician
92 assistant. Authority to dispense may be delegated only by a
93 supervisory physician who is registered as a dispensing
94 practitioner in compliance with s. 465.0276.

95 3. The physician assistant must file with the department a
96 signed affidavit that she or he has completed a minimum of 10
97 continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in
98 which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with
99 each licensure renewal application.

100 4. The department may issue a prescriber number to the
101 physician assistant granting authority for the prescribing of
102 medicinal drugs authorized within this paragraph upon completion

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103 of the foregoing requirements. The physician assistant shall not
104 be required to independently register pursuant to s. 465.0276.

105 5. The prescription must be written in a form that
106 complies with chapter 499 and must contain, in addition to the
107 supervisory physician's name, address, and telephone number, the
108 physician assistant's prescriber number. Unless it is a drug or
109 drug sample dispensed by the physician assistant, the
110 prescription must be filled in a pharmacy permitted under
111 chapter 465, and must be dispensed in that pharmacy by a
112 pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The appearance of the
113 prescriber number creates a presumption that the physician
114 assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal drug and the
115 prescription is valid.

116 6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or
117 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

118 ~~7. This paragraph does not prohibit a supervisory
119 physician from delegating to a physician assistant the authority
120 to order medication for a hospitalized patient of the
121 supervisory physician.~~

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123 ~~This paragraph does not apply to facilities licensed pursuant to
124 chapter 395.~~

125 (f) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
126 physician assistant the authority to order medications for the
127 supervisory physician's patient during his or her care in a
128 facility licensed under chapter 395, notwithstanding any
129 provisions in chapter 465 or chapter 893 which may prohibit this
130 delegation. For the purpose of this paragraph, an order is not

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131 considered a prescription. A licensed physician assistant
132 working in a facility that is licensed under chapter 395 may
133 order any medication under the direction of the supervisory
134 physician.

135 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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138 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

139 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

140 A bill to be entitled

141 An act relating to physician assistants; amending ss.
142 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; authorizing a supervisory
143 physician to delegate to a licensed physician
144 assistant the authority to order medications for the
145 supervisory physician's patient during his or her care
146 in a facility licensed under ch. 395, F.S.; deleting
147 provisions to conform to changes made by the act;
148 providing that an order is not a prescription;
149 authorizing a licensed physician assistant to order
150 medication under the direction of the supervisory
151 physician; providing an effective date.