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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pharmacy technicians; amending s. 465.014, F.S.; removing the cap on the number of registered pharmacy technicians that the Board of Pharmacy may authorize licensed pharmacists to supervise; requiring guidelines adopted by the board to provide for automatic board approval of certain licensed pharmacists; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 465.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465.014 Pharmacy technician.—

(1) A person other than a licensed pharmacist or pharmacy intern may not engage in the practice of the profession of pharmacy, except that a licensed pharmacist may delegate to pharmacy technicians who are registered pursuant to this section those duties, tasks, and functions that do not fall within the purview of s. 465.003(13). All such delegated acts must ~~shall~~ be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is ~~shall be~~ responsible for all such acts performed by persons under his or her supervision. A registered pharmacy ~~registered~~ technician, under the supervision of a pharmacist, may initiate or receive communications with a practitioner or his or her agent, on behalf of a patient, regarding refill

27 authorization requests. A licensed pharmacist may ~~not~~ supervise
28 more than one registered pharmacy technician as ~~unless otherwise~~
29 permitted by the guidelines adopted by the board. The board
30 shall establish guidelines to be followed by licensees or
31 permittees in determining the circumstances under which a
32 licensed pharmacist may supervise more than one registered ~~but~~
33 ~~not more than three~~ pharmacy technician ~~technicians~~. Guidelines
34 adopted by the board must provide for automatic board approval
35 of licensed pharmacists who supervise more than one registered
36 pharmacy technician in the operation of an automated pharmacy
37 system or within a pharmacy performing or contracting for the
38 performance of centralized prescription filling.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.