

Amendment No.

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WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)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 & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Plasencia offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (23) of section 394.455, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 394.455 Definitions.—As used in this part, unless the
10 context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

11 (23) "Psychiatric nurse" means an advanced ~~a~~ registered
12 nurse practitioner certified under s. 464.012 who has a master's
13 or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing, holds a national
14 advanced practice certification as a psychiatric mental health
15 advanced practice nurse, has licensed under part I of chapter
16 ~~464 who has a master's degree or a doctorate in psychiatric~~
17 ~~nursing and 2 years of post-master's clinical experience under~~

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18 the supervision of a physician, and performs within the
19 framework of an established protocol with a psychiatrist.

20 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
21 394.463, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 394.463 Involuntary examination.—

23 (2) INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION.—

24 (f) A patient shall be examined by a physician, a ~~or~~
25 clinical psychologist, or a psychiatric nurse at a receiving
26 facility without unnecessary delay and may, upon the order of a
27 physician, be given emergency treatment if it is determined that
28 such treatment is necessary for the safety of the patient or
29 others. The patient may not be released by the receiving
30 facility or its contractor without the documented approval of a
31 psychiatrist or, a clinical psychologist, or, if the receiving
32 facility is owned or operated by a hospital or health system,
33 the release may also be approved by a psychiatric nurse or an
34 attending emergency department physician with experience in the
35 diagnosis and treatment of mental and nervous disorders and
36 after completion of an involuntary examination pursuant to this
37 subsection. A psychiatric nurse may not approve the release of a
38 patient when the involuntary examination has been initiated by a
39 psychiatrist unless the release is approved by the certifying
40 psychiatrist. However, a patient may not be held in a receiving
41 facility for involuntary examination longer than 72 hours.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to psychiatric nurses; amending s. 394.455, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "psychiatric nurse" to require specified national certification; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing a psychiatric nurse to approve the involuntary examination or release of a patient from a receiving facility under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.