

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: HB 423, 1st Eng. (CS/CS/CS/SB 676)

INTRODUCER: Reps. Pigman and Campbell (Appropriations Committee, Banking and Insurance Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Grimsley)

SUBJECT: Drug Prescription by Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner & Physician Assistants

DATE: March 11, 2016

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 – 926589 to Senate Amendment 156670** (body with title)

**House Amendment 2 – 740423 to Senate Amendment 156670** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** deletes the requirement that at least 50 percent of the surgical assistants and at least 50 percent of the surgical technologists employed by or contracted with a health care facility be certified, with certain exceptions.

The amendment also deletes a requirement that insurers and HMOs use standardized prior authorization forms if not using an online form; and deletes the requirement that insurers and HMOs may not deny a claim based on eligibility if they have verified insured eligibility at the time of treatment.

**House Amendment 2** allows a free clinic using volunteer health care providers to receive a grant or legislative appropriation to support the delivery of services by volunteer health care providers while retaining the sovereign immunity protections under existing law.