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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
(Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (573036) (with title amendment)

Between lines 762 and 763
insert:

Section 15. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

459.022 Physician assistants.—

(4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

(e) A supervisory physician may delegate to a fully



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11 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or
12 dispense any medication used in the supervisory physician's
13 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary
14 created pursuant to s. 458.347. A fully licensed physician
15 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under
16 the following circumstances:

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

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

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

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



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40 pursuant to s. 465.0276.

41 5. The prescription must be written in a form that complies
42 with chapter 499 and, in addition to the supervisory physician's
43 name, address, and telephone number, must contain, ~~in addition~~
44 ~~to the supervisory physician's name, address, and telephone~~
45 ~~number,~~ the physician assistant's prescriber number. Unless it
46 is a drug or drug sample dispensed by the physician assistant,
47 the prescription must be filled in a pharmacy permitted under
48 chapter 465, and must be dispensed in that pharmacy by a
49 pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The inclusion ~~appearance~~
50 of the prescriber number creates a presumption that the
51 physician assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal
52 drug and the prescription is valid.

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

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

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete lines 1352 - 1354

59 and insert:

60 certain documentation from applicants; amending ss.
61 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
62 a physician assistant file a signed affidavit with the
63 department; making technical changes; amending s.
64 460.402, F.S.;

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