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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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WITHDRAWN	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

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Plasencia offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 400.9905, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 400.9905 Definitions.—

10 (5) "Medical director" means:

11 (a) A physician or physician assistant who is employed or
12 under contract with a clinic and who maintains a full and
13 unencumbered physician license in accordance with chapter 458,
14 chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 or a full and
15 unencumbered physician assistant license in accordance with
16 chapter 458 or 459; or

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17 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is
18 employed or under contract with a clinic, maintains a full and
19 unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in
20 accordance with chapter 464, and who is certified under s.
21 464.012.

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23 If a ~~However, if the~~ clinic does not provide services pursuant
24 to any of the ~~respective~~ physician or nurse practices acts
25 specified ~~listed~~ in this subsection, it may appoint a Florida-
26 licensed health care practitioner who does not provide services
27 pursuant to those ~~the respective physician practices acts listed~~
28 ~~in this subsection~~ to serve as a clinic director who is
29 responsible for the clinic's activities. A health care
30 practitioner may not serve as the clinic director if the
31 services provided at the clinic are beyond the scope of that
32 practitioner's license; however, ~~except that~~ a licensee
33 specified in s. 456.053(3)(b) who provides only services
34 authorized under that paragraph ~~pursuant to s. 456.053(3)(b)~~ may
35 serve as clinic director of an entity providing such services ~~as~~
36 ~~specified in s. 456.053(3)(b).~~

37 Section 2. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of
38 section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

39 458.347 Physician assistants.—

40 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

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41 (i) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
42 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
43 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
44 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
45 physician.

46 Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (4) of
47 section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

48 (h) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
49 physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
50 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
51 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
52 physician.

53 Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
54 section 464.012, Florida Statutes, to read:

55 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
56 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

57 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall
58 perform those functions authorized in this section within the
59 framework of an established protocol that is filed with the
60 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after
61 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or
62 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to
63 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for
64 protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees
65 submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory

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66 standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under
67 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain
68 supervision for directing the specific course of medical
69 treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced
70 registered nurse practitioner may:

71 (f) Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
72 that requires the signature, certification, stamp,
73 verification, or endorsement of a physician.

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

76 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

77 A bill to be entitled

78 An act relating to health care practitioner regulation; amending
79 s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "medical
80 director" to include certain physician assistants and advanced
81 registered nurse practitioners; amending s. 458.347, F.S.;
82 authorizing a physician assistant to sign, certify, stamp,
83 verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
84 certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
85 physician; amending s. 459.022, F.S.; authorizing a physician
86 assistant to sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
87 that requires the signature, certification, stamp, verification,
88 or endorsement of a physician; amending s. 464.012, F.S.;
89 authorizing an advanced registered nurse practitioner to sign,
90 certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document that requires the

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91 signature, certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of
92 a physician; providing an effective date.

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