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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WITHDRAWN	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 & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Ponder offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of
8 section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

9 458.347 Physician assistants.—

10 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

11 (i) A supervising physician may authorize a licensed
12 physician assistant to perform services under the direction of a
13 podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461 who is a partner,
14 shareholder, or employee of the same group practice, as defined
15 in s. 456.053, as the supervising physician and the physician
16 assistant. The supervising physician is liable for the

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17 performance and the acts and omissions of any such physician
18 assistant.

19 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 458.3485, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 458.3485 Medical assistant.—

22 (1) DEFINITION.—As used in this section:—

23 (a) "Medical assistant" means a professional multiskilled
24 person dedicated to assisting in all aspects of medical practice
25 under the direct supervision and responsibility of a physician.
26 This practitioner assists with patient care management, executes
27 administrative and clinical procedures, and often performs
28 managerial and supervisory functions. Competence in the field
29 also requires that a medical assistant adhere to ethical and
30 legal standards of professional practice, recognize and respond
31 to emergencies, and demonstrate professional characteristics.

32 (b) "Physician" means a person who is licensed as a
33 physician under this chapter or a podiatric physician under
34 chapter 461.

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

37 459.022 Physician assistants.—

38 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

39 (h) A supervising physician may authorize a licensed
40 physician assistant to perform services under the direction of a
41 podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461 who is a partner,

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42 shareholder, or employee of the same group practice, as defined
43 in s. 456.053, as the supervising physician and the physician
44 assistant. The supervising physician is liable for the
45 performance and the acts and omissions of any such physician
46 assistant.

47 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 461.007, Florida
48 Statutes, is amended to read:

49 461.007 Renewal of license.—

50 (3) The board may by rule prescribe continuing education,
51 not to exceed 40 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of
52 a license, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education
53 related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled
54 substances. The criteria for such programs or courses shall be
55 approved by the board.

56 Section 5. Section 461.0145, Florida Statutes, is created
57 to read:

58 461.0145 Physician Assistants.— A licensed physician
59 assistant may perform services under the direction of a
60 podiatric physician in accordance with s. 458.347(4) and s.
61 459.022(4).

62 Section 6. Section 461.0155, Florida Statutes, is created
63 to read:

64 461.0155 Medical assistants.—A podiatric physician who is
65 supervising a medical assistant shall be governed by s.
66 458.3485.

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67 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
68 624.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

69 624.27 Direct health care agreements; exemption from
70 code.—

71 (1) As used in this section, the term:

72 (b) "Health care provider" means a health care provider
73 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter
74 461, chapter 464, or chapter 466, or a health care group
75 practice, who provides health care services to patients.

76 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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

80 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

81 An act relating to podiatric medicine; amending s. 458.347,
82 F.S.; authorizing a supervising physician to authorize a
83 physician assistant to perform services under the direction of a
84 podiatric physician under certain circumstances; requiring the
85 podiatric physician to be a partner, shareholder, or employee in
86 the same group practice as the physician assistant and
87 supervising physician; providing the supervising physician is
88 liable for the performance and acts and omission of the
89 physician assistant; amending s. 458.3485, F.S.; authorizing a
90 medical assistant to perform specified duties under the direct
91 supervision and responsibility of a podiatric physician;

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92 amending s. 459.022, F.S.; authorizing supervising physician to
93 authorize a physician assistant to perform services under the
94 direction of a podiatric physician under certain circumstances;
95 requiring the podiatric physician to be a partner, shareholder,
96 or employee in the same group practice as the physician
97 assistant and supervising physician; providing the supervising
98 physician is liable for the performance and acts and omission of
99 the physician assistant amending s. 461.007, F.S.; authorizing
100 the Board of Podiatric Medicine to require a specified number of
101 continuing education hours related to the safe and effective
102 prescribing of controlled substances; creating s. 461.0145,
103 F.S.; authorizing a physician assistant to perform services
104 under the direction of a podiatric physician under certain
105 circumstances; creating s. 461.0155, F.S.; providing for
106 governance of podiatric physicians who are supervising medical
107 assistants; amending s. 624.27, F.S.; revising the definition of
108 the term "health care provider" to include podiatric physicians;
109 providing an effective date.