

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Jones

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to medication technicians; amending s.  
3       429.02, F.S.; defining the term "medication  
4       technician"; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; providing  
5       minimum requirements and specifications for training  
6       of medication technicians; providing an effective  
7       date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11       Section 1. Present subsections (16) through (28) of section  
12       429.02, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (17)  
13       through (29), respectively, a new subsection (16) is added to  
14       that section, and subsection (12) of that section is amended, to  
15       read:

16       429.02 Definitions.—When used in this part, the term:

17       (12) "Extended congregate care" means acts beyond those  
18       authorized in subsection (19) ~~(18)~~ which may be performed  
19       pursuant to part I of chapter 464 by persons licensed thereunder  
20       while carrying out their professional duties, and other  
21       supportive services that may be specified by rule. The purpose  
22       of such services is to enable residents to age in place in a  
23       residential environment despite mental or physical limitations  
24       that might otherwise disqualify them from residency in a  
25       facility licensed under this part.

26       (16) "Medication technician" means an unlicensed staff  
27       member who has completed 6 hours of training. A medication  
28       technician may provide assistance with a resident's self-  
29       administration of medications and with his or her use of point-

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30 of-care devices.

31 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 429.52, Florida  
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 429.52 Staff training and educational requirements.—

34 (6) Medication technicians shall ~~Staff assisting with the~~  
35 ~~self-administration of medications under s. 429.256 must~~  
36 complete a minimum of 6 additional hours of training provided by  
37 a registered nurse or a licensed pharmacist before providing  
38 assistance. Two hours of continuing education are required  
39 annually thereafter. The agency shall establish by rule the  
40 minimum requirements of medication technician ~~this~~ training,  
41 which must address infection control, safe handling and use of  
42 point-of-care devices, communicating with case managers and  
43 health care providers, standard of care protocols for the  
44 provision of care in a licensed assisted living facility,  
45 identification of nursing standards, and methods of assisting  
46 residents with the self-administration of medications.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.