

By Senator Brodeur

9-00914A-22

2022836__

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.

8
9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

10
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-

9-00914A-22

2022836__

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, 2022.