

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to autonomous practice by advanced  
3       practice registered nurses; amending s. 395.0191,  
4       F.S.; exempting certain advanced practice registered  
5       nurses from specified medical direction requirements  
6       for clinical privileges in hospitals; amending s.  
7       464.0123, F.S.; revising the scope of autonomous  
8       practice for certain advanced practice registered  
9       nurses; revising requirements for certified nurse  
10      midwives registered to engage in autonomous practice;  
11      providing for the future expiration of the Council on  
12      Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous  
13      Practice; providing an effective date.

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

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17       Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
18      395.0191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19       395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—

20       (2)

21       (b) An advanced practice registered nurse who is certified  
22      as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of  
23      chapter 464 shall administer anesthesia under the onsite medical  
24      direction of a professional licensed under chapter 458, chapter  
25      459, or chapter 466, and in accordance with an established  
26      protocol approved by the medical staff. The medical direction  
27      shall specifically address the needs of the individual patient.

28      This paragraph does not apply to an advanced practice registered  
29      nurse registered as an autonomous advanced practice registered

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30 nurse under s. 464.0123 who is a certified registered nurse  
31 anesthetist under part I of chapter 464.

32 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) of  
33 section 464.0123, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph  
34 (e) is added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

35 464.0123 Autonomous practice by an advanced practice  
36 registered nurse.—

37 (3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

38 (a) An advanced practice registered nurse who is registered  
39 under this section may:

40 1. Engage in autonomous practice ~~only in primary care~~  
41 ~~practice, including family medicine, general pediatrics, and~~  
42 ~~general internal medicine, as defined by board rule.~~

43 2. ~~For certified nurse midwives, engage in autonomous~~  
44 ~~practice in the performance of the acts listed in s.~~  
45 ~~464.012(4)(c).~~

46 3. Perform the general functions of an advanced practice  
47 registered nurse under s. 464.012(3) and the acts within his or  
48 her specialty under s. 464.012(4) related to primary care.

49 3.4. For a patient who requires the services of a health  
50 care facility, as defined in s. 408.032(8):

51 a. Admit the patient to the facility.

52 b. Manage the care received by the patient in the facility.

53 c. Discharge the patient from the facility, unless  
54 prohibited by federal law or rule.

55 4.5. Provide a signature, certification, stamp,  
56 verification, affidavit, or endorsement that is otherwise  
57 required by law to be provided by a physician, except an  
58 advanced practice registered nurse registered under this section

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59 may not issue a physician certification under s. 381.986.

60 (b) A certified nurse midwife providing out-of-hospital  
61 birth services must have a written plan for the appropriate  
62 delivery of emergency care. A copy of the plan must be  
63 maintained on file and must include all of the following:

- 64 1. The name and address of the closest hospital.  
65 2. Reasons for which an emergency transfer may be required.  
66 3. Emergency medical services to be used in the event of an  
67 emergency patient transfer agreement with a hospital and a  
68 written referral agreement with a physician licensed under  
69 chapter 458 or chapter 459 to engage in nurse midwifery.

70 (4) COUNCIL ON ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE  
71 AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE.—

72 (e) The council shall dissolve, and this subsection  
73 expires, on July 1, 2024.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.