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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to proprietorship by nonphysicians;
3 creating s. 458.45, F.S.; prohibiting specified acts
4 by persons or entities other than licensed physicians
5 and licensed entities; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Section 458.45, Florida Statutes, is created to
10 read:

11 458.45 Proprietorship by nonphysicians.—A person other than
12 a physician licensed under this chapter, or an entity other than
13 a group of physicians, a not-for-profit hospital, or a medical
14 school licensed pursuant to general law, may not do any of the
15 following:

16 (1) Employ a physician.

17 (2) Direct, control, or interfere with a physician's
18 clinical judgment.

19 (3) Have a relationship with a physician which would allow
20 the unlicensed person or entity to exercise control over any of
21 the following:

22 (a) The selection of a course of treatment for a patient,
23 the procedures or materials to be used as part of such course of
24 treatment, or the manner in which such course of treatment is
25 carried out by the physician.

26 (b) The patient records of the physician.

27 (c) Policies and decisions relating to billing and
28 advertising.

29 (d) Policies and decisions relating to physician staffing,

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30 office personnel, and hours of practice.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.