



26 | section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph  
 27 | (e) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

28 |       381.00315 Public health advisories; public health  
 29 | emergencies; isolation and quarantines.—The State Health Officer  
 30 | is responsible for declaring public health emergencies, issuing  
 31 | public health advisories, and ordering isolation or quarantines.

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

33 |       (e) "Treat," "treated," or "treatment" does not include  
 34 | the administration of vaccinations.

35 |       (2)

36 |       (b) Before declaring a public health emergency, the State  
 37 | Health Officer shall, to the extent possible, consult with the  
 38 | Governor and shall notify the Chief of Domestic Security. ~~The~~  
 39 | ~~declaration of a public health emergency shall continue until~~  
 40 | ~~the State Health Officer finds that the threat or danger has~~  
 41 | ~~been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no~~  
 42 | ~~longer exist and he or she terminates the declaration. However,~~  
 43 | A declaration of a public health emergency expires ~~may not~~  
 44 | ~~continue for longer than~~ 60 days after the declaration unless  
 45 | the Governor concurs in the renewal of the declaration, which  
 46 | extends the expiration of the declaration for 30 days. Any  
 47 | subsequent renewals must be approved by a two-thirds majority  
 48 | vote of each chamber of the Legislature before the declaration  
 49 | expires, with each renewal extending the expiration of the  
 50 | declaration for 30 days. A declaration of a public health

51 emergency automatically terminates if it is not timely renewed  
 52 before its expiration in accordance with this paragraph.

53 (d) The State Health Officer, upon declaration of a public  
 54 health emergency, may take actions that are necessary to protect  
 55 the public health. Such actions include, but are not limited to:

56 1. Directing manufacturers of prescription drugs or over-  
 57 the-counter drugs who are permitted under chapter 499 and  
 58 wholesalers of prescription drugs located in this state who are  
 59 permitted under chapter 499 to give priority to the shipping of  
 60 specified drugs to pharmacies and health care providers within  
 61 geographic areas identified by the State Health Officer. The  
 62 State Health Officer must identify the drugs to be shipped.  
 63 Manufacturers and wholesalers located in this ~~the~~ state must  
 64 respond to the State Health Officer's priority shipping  
 65 directive before shipping the specified drugs.

66 2. Notwithstanding chapters 465 and 499 and rules adopted  
 67 thereunder, directing pharmacists employed by the department to  
 68 compound bulk prescription drugs and provide these bulk  
 69 prescription drugs to physicians and nurses of county health  
 70 departments or any qualified person authorized by the State  
 71 Health Officer for administration to persons as part of a  
 72 prophylactic or treatment regimen.

73 3. Notwithstanding s. 456.036, temporarily reactivating  
 74 the inactive license of the following health care practitioners,  
 75 when such practitioners are needed to respond to the public

76 health emergency: physicians licensed under chapter 458 or  
 77 chapter 459; physician assistants licensed under chapter 458 or  
 78 chapter 459; licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and  
 79 advanced practice registered nurses licensed under part I of  
 80 chapter 464; respiratory therapists licensed under part V of  
 81 chapter 468; and emergency medical technicians and paramedics  
 82 certified under part III of chapter 401. Only those health care  
 83 practitioners specified in this paragraph who possess an  
 84 unencumbered inactive license and who request that such license  
 85 be reactivated are eligible for reactivation. An inactive  
 86 license that is reactivated under this paragraph returns ~~shall~~  
 87 ~~return~~ to inactive status when the public health emergency ends,  
 88 or before the end of the public health emergency if the State  
 89 Health Officer determines that the health care practitioner is  
 90 no longer needed to provide services during the public health  
 91 emergency. Such licenses may only be reactivated for a period  
 92 not to exceed 90 days without meeting the requirements of s.  
 93 456.036 or chapter 401, as applicable.

94 4. Ordering an individual to be examined, tested, treated,  
 95 isolated, or quarantined for communicable diseases that have  
 96 significant morbidity or mortality and present a severe danger  
 97 to public health. However, an individual may refuse examination,  
 98 testing, or treatment for reasons of health, religion, or  
 99 conscience by submitting a refusal in writing to the State  
 100 Health Officer. Such individuals may not be required to undergo

101 examination, testing, or treatment but ~~who are unable or~~  
102 ~~unwilling to be examined, tested, or treated for reasons of~~  
103 ~~health, religion, or conscience~~ may be subjected to isolation or  
104 quarantine.

105 a. Examination, testing, or treatment may be performed by  
106 any qualified person authorized by the State Health Officer.

107 b. If the individual poses a danger to the public health,  
108 the State Health Officer may subject the individual to isolation  
109 or quarantine. ~~If there is no practical method to isolate or~~  
110 ~~quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any~~  
111 ~~means necessary to treat the individual.~~

112 c. Any order of the State Health Officer given to  
113 effectuate this paragraph is immediately enforceable by a law  
114 enforcement officer under s. 381.0012.

115 d. Closures of churches, businesses, government buildings  
116 and services, schools, groups of private residences, and public  
117 domains, and altering elections procedures and protocols, are  
118 prohibited. Any such actions that affect entire groups or  
119 communities must be authorized on a case-by-case basis with each  
120 case being afforded all rights of due process.

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