

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 237 (2026)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>          </u>	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Professions &  
Programs Subcommittee

Representative Salzman offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. **Subsections (10) of section 464.015, Florida  
Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11) and a new  
subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:**

464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—

(9) A person may not practice or advertise as, or assume  
the title of, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,  
clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse  
anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse  
practitioner, or advanced practice registered nurse or use the  
abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N.," "C.N.S.," "C.R.N.A.," "C.N.M.,"

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17 "C.N.P.," or "A.P.R.N." or take any other action that would lead  
18 the public to believe that person was authorized by law to  
19 practice as such or is performing nursing services pursuant to  
20 the exception set forth in s. 464.022(8) unless that person is  
21 licensed, certified, or authorized pursuant to s. 464.0095 to  
22 practice as such.

23 (10) A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and  
24 holds a doctoral degree may use the title "Doctor of Nursing  
25 Practice," the abbreviation "D.N.P.," the title "Doctor of  
26 Philosophy," and the abbreviation, "Ph.D.," in a manner  
27 consistent with the doctoral degree such person has obtained. A  
28 nurse who holds a doctoral degree may not use the title "doctor"  
29 in a clinical setting without clearly specifying their  
30 profession.

31 ~~(10)~~ (11) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of  
32 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
33 775.083.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.